Broadcaster

May 12, 2010

Pilgrim's Progress

I wish I had kept a record of the number of times I have heard someone sav, "There are a lot of talented people in this congregation." It certainly is true and never was the display of musical talent more evident than at the Simple Gifts Concert on May 2nd. This final concert for the 2009-2010 season highlighted musicians who are members of GCC and was the culminating concert celebrating the 10th anniversary of the John Buzzard organ. Throughout the year, Gary Wendt and the Music Board provided a variety of ways to demonstrate the value of music to accentuate our worship of God and what an amazing worship tool the organ is.

Presented in the May 2nd program were three pieces commissioned for the 10th anniversary celebration including the premier performance of "Fantasy on a Theme by Beethoven" arranged by Ovid Young. The commissioned arranger was present for the performance. What an honor and delight!

Also featured at the May 2nd concert were the Chancel Choir under the excellent conducting of Andrew Lewis and the Joyful Ringers Handbell Choir, directed by the talented Gary Wendt. Never were their talents better or more evident than during the concert. In addition, many other musicians who are members of our congregation displayed their individual talents. Among these people are: Tim Karth, Kartherine Hughes, Steve Ruch, Sue Cunningham, Edie Harrison, Tricia Melzer-Swaydrak, Erin Santostefano, Phyllis Scott, and Gary Wendt.

In addition to talented musicians, our congregation has many members sharing other gifts with us. Every Sunday gifted teachers are conducting excellent Sunday school classes for children from pre-kindergarten through the sixth grade. We have committed teachers engaged with seventh and eighth graders in one of the best Confirmation programs anywhere. Working behind the scenes and often off-stage are nearly 150 people who serve the congregation in various leadership positions including members of boards, moderators, church clerk, and church treasurer.

There are many talented people in this congregation and you are one of them. If you are not currently contributing your gifts to the ministry of GCC, perhaps this is the time for you to become more engaged and to share your gifts through some aspect of Glenview Community Church. Please let one of the ministers or moderators know of your interest, passion, and gifts so that our ministry can be enhanced by your gifts and your gifts can be strengthened and increased through using them to serve God through GCC.

Howard

Sunday School Worship

May 23 will be the last day for Sunday school worship service for the year. Please join Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler in the Plymouth room for a children and family worship service at 10:30 a.m.

Summer Sunday school will begin June 6



WORSHIP SERVICES

MAY 16 YOUTH SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. PYF Worship Band 10:30 a.m. PYF Worship Band

Sermon by Seniors Lisa Ruch and Christine Roenitz "Moving Towards Our Destiny"

Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini Director of Youth Ministries

MAY 23 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4-13, Acts 2:1-21

Chancel Choir Presents

Mozart'sMass In C Major, K.317 "Coronation"

PENTECOST SUNDAY Children & Family Worship

10:30 Plymouth Room

MAY 30 SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS

9:30 a.m.

Chancel Choir

Scripture: Psalm 8; John 14:15-27, John 16:12-15

Sermon: "Waiting on Truth" Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

In accordance with the Constitution of the Glenview Community Church and by a vote of the Executive Board, the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive nominations and elect the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and board members and receive the annual reports of the leadership. A congregational vote will be taken on whether or not to adopt the proposed GCC Open and Affirming (ONA) statement previously approved by the Executive Board and the UCC and declare our congregation as Open and Affirming.

This notice constitutes the official call to meeting. All members of the church are urged to be present.

Beryl B. Bills, Church Clerk

Open and Affirming Congregational Vote

At the GCC Annual Meeting May 25, a congregational vote will be taken on whether or not to adopt the proposed GCC Open and Affirming (ONA) statement previously approved by the Executive Board and the UCC and declare our congregation as Open and Affirming.

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina is on Thursday, May 13, and the second Thursday of each month. Join us at 9:30 a.m. for guided prayer. We use scripture, words and silence to explore God's message in our lives. We meet in Room 5 from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. If you have questions, call the Facilitator, Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse, (847)724-2210, ext. 30.

UPDATE THE DIRECTORY

Please check out the current directory and see if your information is correct and give us changes for the 2010 edition. If you want your cell phone included, please add. You can call or email Jane Payne (847)724-2210 or *jane.payne@ gccucc.org* or drop off a form in the office. Forms are available in the office, narthex or in the pews. Deadline is June 1st.

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER

CONSIDER JOINING AN USHER TEAM. The Services and Sacraments Board is looking for volunteers to join one of our usher teams. There are openings on teams for either the early or late service. This is a rewarding opportunity where your enthusiasm and helpful attitude will enhance the worship experience of church members as well as visitors. With a five team rotation, your commitment is about once every five weeks. Catch the spirit of volunteering by serving your church as an usher.

To join an usher team or if you have any questions, please email David Aki <u>dave254@comcast.net</u>.

First Quarter 2010 Statements

First quarter contribution statements were mailed recently. Please review your statement to be sure that your contributions have been properly recorded. If you did not receive a statement and/or have any questions regarding your statement or related items, please contact Dale Wittenberg, Church Business Administrator, at the Church office (847)724-2210, ext. 27.

Cash receipts this winter have been lower than we experienced last year. At April's close, our year to date pledge contribution receipts are almost \$40,000 below budget. On that note, the Church's cash flow will greatly appreciate your periodic pledge contributions. Thank you for your support!

Rob Hevey Treasurer

Attention: All Walkers

Those who have walked with us in the past and anyone who enjoys walking and talking, please join us. We usually walk about 3 miles and there are always several "groups" who are walking at different speeds.

Our FIRST walk of this season will be at the Botanical Gardens on Sunday, May 16. We will meet at the North side church parking lot at 12:45 p.m. and car pool to the Gardens. This time we will do the inside walk, (usually we walk the perimeter) so we can enjoy the beautiful Spring flowers. Hope to see many of you there.

Come For A Picnic 60 Plus Luncheon May 18 at 12 noon

Never too early for a picnic, so join others as we feast on homemade soup, bread and special dessert. Our guest speaker will be Renee Carlson, florist and designer, who will share with us her expertise on what, where and when to plant our favorite flowers. Whether you have a large yard or little flower pot, Renee will show you how to make the most out of your planting. This will be our last luncheon for the season, so don't miss it. Remember there is no cost for this enjoyable afternoon.

If you need a ride, please call Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse at (847)724-2210 ext. 30.

June Book Club Personal and spiritual growth

Would you like to spend some time in June reading a book with a group from GCC and discussing it together? If you have an interest, please contact Rev. Pam Keckler for more details at <u>pam.keckler@</u> <u>gccucc.org</u> or call (847)724-2210, Ext. 24.



The Women's Association invites all ladies aged 5 years and older to don their tea party finery and enjoy conversation and a traditional English tea with new and longtime friends on Sunday, May 23rd at 2:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Room. The cost is \$10 per person and reservations will be taken after the 10:30 service on May 16, or checks can be written and sent to C.J. Sultz, 1570 Bluestem Lane, Glenview, 60026. There will be special entertainment, door prizes, good food, and fellowship, so sign up soon and bring a friend, neighbor, or family member!

Something New is Sprouting at Glenview Community Church

The Organic Pantry Project Community Garden at GCC

WHAT WE NEED:

- Volunteers: All are welcome and encouraged to participate
- Financial Support: We are looking for contributions from boards, groups, and individuals
- Donations: tools and garden material donations are welcome

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

May 22:

Construction Zone: Join us in constructing our garden beds and fence 9-??

June 6:

Garden Kick-Off: Join us after worship to fill the beds, lay the mulch, & plant our crop

June 7 - October ??:

Daily maintenance of the garden-volunteers wanted! No experience needed!

hunger is

alleviated

Summer Sunday School attendees will have the opportunity to work in the garden each week (weather permitting.) We ask children to dress accordingly and bring their garden tool (hand tools only please.)

Would you like more information about TOPP or the GCC community garden? Do you have an idea or concern to share? Are you interested in volunteering or donating?

Please contact Laura Heyser at (847)724-2526, <u>lcheyser@comcast.net</u>or Jen Roberts at (847)486-8301, <u>jen.rob@comcast.net</u>

From a tiny seed....

great ideas are born

communities are built



GCC Career Network

Please join the Children's Ministry in

welcoming The Organic Pantry Project to

GCC! The Organic Pantry Project (TOPP)

is a local non-profit dedicated to creating

and supporting community gardening to

help local food pantries alleviate hunger

TOPP is thrilled to have an opportunity

to put the emphasis on "community" by

helping to create a single garden "plot" to be cared for communally by groups

within GCC. They hope that by encourag-

ing group ownership of the garden and

supporting cooperative care, they can

help us create a lovely garden that signals to the surrounding community that

The produce we grow will go directly to the Northfield Food Pantry to have an immediate impact on our neighbors in

GCC takes its first 'C' seriously.

need.

in the community.

JOB LOSS-A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE-Monday, May 24 @ 12:00 noon Plymouth Room Presented by Grey Harnyak, MA Counseling Psychology/Marriage and Family, Career Outplacement

If you are unemployed, returning to work, considering a job change or looking to expand your business network please join us. We meet at 12 p.m. on the last Monday of each month at Glenview Community Church to hear speakers, share experiences, resources, job openings and support one another. Members have access to a Yahoo! Group to share information, community meetings dates and be alerted of opportunities.

Contact Alek Jablonski at (847)922-6870 or by email at <u>ajablonski03@hotmail.com</u> or Rev. Pam Keckler (847)724-2210 x24 or email <u>pam.keckler@gccucc.org</u> for more information.

Parents of 6th Graders

You should have received a letter and registration form in the mail for 7th grade Confirmation class next fall. If not, there are extra forms in the church office. Contact Rev. Keckler if you have any questions at (847)724-2210, Ext. 24.

Confirmation

7TH GRADE - Sunday, May 16 Opening prayers and last class time until fall. Would you like to get a head start on your service projects for next year? You can help set up for the rummage sale in June. Contact Rev. Keckler if interested.

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 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, Adult Choir

Affiliates:

Marcia Kiraly, Director, GCC Nursery School Barbara Thewis, Manager, Resale Shop

At A Glance

Thur 5-13	9:00 am 9:30 am 11:30 am 1:00 pm 7:30 pm	Resale Shop open until 5:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm Lectio Divina, Rm 5 Bridge Marathon, Mayflower Rm Ministers Mentor Mtg., R 210 Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
Fri 5-14	9:00 am 5:00 pm 8:00 pm 8:00 pm	
Sat 5-15	7:00 am 9:00 am 9:00 am	WA Plant Sale, West Parking Lot Resale Shop open until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm PMRC, Rm 201
Sun 5-16	8:30 am 8:30 am 9:15 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary Leadership Committee Mtg., Rm 210 Fellowship, Mayflower Rm Adult Education, Chapel 7th Grade Confirmation Class, Various Rms Stewardship Brunch, Founders Rm Confirmation Opening Prayers, Youth Rm Worship Service, Sanctuary Sunday School Gathering, Rm 201 Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm

Sunday Co	ntinued	
	11:30 am 5:00 pm	Youth Sunday Brunch, Plymouth Rm Children's Choir Dinner, Mayflower Rm
Mon		No meetings scheduled
5-17		No meetings seneduled
Tue	12:00 pm	Sixty Plus Luncheon, Mayflower Rm
5-18	7:00 pm	WA Board Mtg., Parlor
	7:00 pm	Executive Board Mtg., Mayflower Rm
Wed	9:00 am	Resale Shop until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
5-19	9:15 am	WA Chapter 11, Parlor & Cradle Toddler
	9:15 am	WA Chapter 20, Chapel
	7:00 pm	BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Mayflower & Gym
	7:00 pm	Pilgrim Wind Ensemble, Sanctuary
	8:00 pm	Venture Crew, Rm 210

Pastoral Care

We extend sympathy and prayers to the family of Kenneth Mueller, son of the late Eileen Mueller, who died on May 3.

We also extend our sympathy and prayers to family and friends of Jim Lamb, former member, who died May 5, 2010 in Houston, TX.

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