

Broadcaster

Glenview Community Church

Pilgrim's Progress

The following story told by someone who attended an Itzhak Perlman concert is one of the most powerful stories I have ever read. May it have meaning for you.

On Nov. 18, 1995, Itzhak Perlman, the violinist, came on stage to give a concert at Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center in New York City. If you have ever been to a Perlman concert, you know that getting on stage is no small achievement for him. He was stricken with polio as a child, and so he has braces on both legs and walks with the aid of two crutches. To see him walk across the stage one step at a time, painfully and slowly, is an awesome sight.

He walks painfully, yet majestically, until he reaches his chair. Then he sits down, slowly, puts his crutches on the floor, undoes the clasps on his legs, tucks one foot back and extends the other foot forward. Then he bends down and picks up the violin, puts it under his chin, nods to the conductor and proceeds to play.

But this time, something went wrong. Just as he finished the first few bars, one of the strings on his violin broke. You could hear it snap - it went off like gunfire across the room. There was no mistaking what that sound meant. There was no mistaking what he had to do. We figured that he would have to get up, put on the clasps again, pick up the crutches and limp his way off stage - to either find another violin or else find another string for this one. But he didn't. Instead, he waited a moment, closed his eyes and then signaled the conductor to begin again.

The orchestra began, and he played from where he had left off. And he played with such passion and such power and such purity as they had never heard before.

Of course, anyone knows that it is impossible to play a symphonic work with just three strings. I know that, and you know that, but that night Itzhak Perlman refused to know that.

You could see him modulating, changing, re-composing the piece in his head. At one

point, it sounded like he was de-tuning the strings to get new sounds from them that they had never made before. When he finished, there was an awesome silence in the room. And then people rose and cheered. There was an extraordinary outburst of applause from every corner of the auditorium. We were all on our feet, screaming and cheering, doing everything we could to show how much we appreciated what he had done.

He smiled, wiped the sweat from this brow, raised his bow to quiet us, and then he said - not boastfully, but in a quiet, pensive, reverent tone - "You know, sometimes it is the artist's task to find out how much music you can still make with what you have left."

What a powerful line that is. It has stayed in my mind ever since I heard it. And who knows? Perhaps that is the definition of life - not just for artists but for all of us. Here is a man who has prepared all his life to make music on a violin of four strings, who, all of a sudden, in the middle of a concert, finds himself with only three strings; so he makes music with three strings, and the music he made that night with just three strings was more beautiful, more sacred, more memorable, than any that he had ever made before, when he had four strings.

So, perhaps our task in this shaky, fast-changing, bewildering world in which we live is to make music, at first with all that we have, and then, when that is no longer possible, to make music with what we have left.

Howard

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please check your directory to make sure all the information is correct. If you have any changes to be made, please email them to Jane Payne - jane.payne@gccucc.org.

DEADLINE FOR ALL CHANGES WILL BE JUNE 5, 2009

June 3, 2009

SUNDAY SERVICES

JUNE 7, 2009

Baccalaureate Sunday

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture:

Psalm 130, Mark 3:20-35

Sermon:

"Helicopter Parents"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

All high school graduating seniors will be recognized during worship.

JUNE 14, 2009

9:30 a.m. Summer Music Begins

Scripture:

Ezekiel 17:22-24, Mark 4:26-34

Sermon:

"Faith To Be Human"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

JUNE 21, 2009

9:30 a.m. Summer Music

Scripture:

1 Samuel 17:32-49, Mark 4:35-41

Sermon:

"Against All Odds"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

JUNE 28, 2009

9:30 a.m. Summer Music

Scripture:

Psalm 16, Luke 9:51-62

Sermon:

"The Intersection of Commitment"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

Stewardship Board

The Stewardship Board would like to thank all who have responded to the 2009 pledge campaign – the success of this campaign, and your generosity as members in participating, is at the very heart of our foundation and growth as a church.

As a testament to the difference our church makes in the lives of our members as well as to the difference members make in the success of this church, the Stewardship Board is sponsoring the following new series in the coming months:

1. 'My Church – My Faith' – both written and oral personal stories from members of GCC on how our church has influenced their lives, and
2. 'Did You Know?' – A series of current and historical facts which will demonstrate the importance of our members in making a difference at GCC.

The history of GCC is interwoven with personal family stories, generosity and commitment of its members – the love we as members have both received and given within these walls have contributed to the rich history this church has experienced since its inception 112 years ago – in 1897. We owe much and we receive much...join us in the next few months as we learn of our richness as a congregation.

The Stewardship Board

Sharing Your Thoughts About The 2010 Budget

Your Moderators and the Personnel Task Force welcome your views regarding the Budget for 2010, which may once again require additional cuts. What are your priorities? Which programs and services do you believe are essential? If needed, where do you believe reductions should be made? Recommendations will be made to the Executive Board in August and September.

The following "Mini Town Hall Meetings" are designed so that your thoughts will be considered. In order to give everyone a chance to share, they are limited to 25-30 in number and all will be held in the Founders Room. Please sign up ahead of time by calling the office. Each member may attend only one of the meetings.

Wednesday, June 10 at 7 pm.
Thursday, June 11 at 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 14 at 10:45 a.m.
Tuesday, June 16 at 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, June 17 at 7 p.m.
Thursday, June 18 at 10:00 a.m.



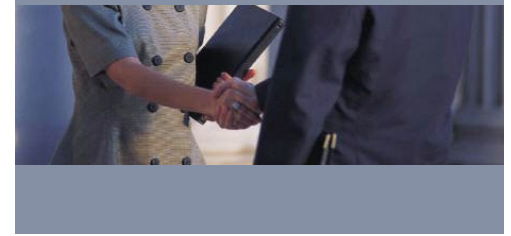
River Trails Nature Center needs help removing garlic mustard, an invasive plant that can take over and choke out native plants. Since we were unable to send a team to River Trails on Mitzvah Day, let's get a group together on Sunday, June 7, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Please contact Mary Anne Peruchini via email mperuchini@gmail.com or call 647-251-2604.



GCC WALKERS and anyone else who would like to join us (we're a very friendly group) we will meet in the north parking lot at 10:45 a.m. after church on Sunday, June 14. We will car pool to Northwestern Campus, park in the parking lot and walk along Lake Michigan shore and the inner circle around the pond. If we still have energy we may go south into the park. It is OK to wear your walking clothes to church.

Dori Hirsch

GCC CAREER NETWORK



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MONDAY, JUNE 15 @ 12 PM & 7:00 PM
Plymouth Room
MOVING TOWARDS YOUR CAREER GOALS

Organizing your job search and moving toward your goals is challenging. Are you able to keep track of all of the details? Do you have a clear idea of what to do next? Should you even get started if you only have 10 minutes? In this workshop, Dee Kane will present her Flexible Planner©. This easy to create, easy to update planning tool will help you clearly define the steps to move you closer to your goal.

Dee has more than 20 years of experience designing and presenting training programs for companies and individuals. She currently is a Life Coach and teaches Life Planning classes to help people move through the transition process.

Come and gain a fresh perspective and learn how to manage the details and progress of your job search.

Contact Alek & Renee Jablonski at 847-486-1920 / ajablonski03@hotmail.com or Rev. Pam Keckler at 847-724-2210 for more information.

Summer Time Is BBQ Time



The next Men's Ministry meeting will be a BBQ on Friday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for an evening of BBQ and fellowship at David Aki's home. For those interested in learning more about the Men's Ministry and its programs, this will be a great opportunity to meet the members and hear about our plans for the coming year.

Please RSVP by June 7 to David Aki at dave254@comcast.net or 847-657-0139.

Thinking About Joining A Chapter?

This is the time to think about your relationship to the Women's Association for next year. Chapters are already accepting next year's dues. If you would like to join a chapter, either speak to someone already in the chapter or contact membership co-chairs CJ Sultz (cj.sultz@mcd.com) or Betty Herrmann (b_bherrmann@att.net). Chapters are a wonderful way to get to know a small group within the big church and also to contribute to the church through your service.

If you prefer, Associate membership is also a way to be a part of the WA membership. For just \$10 annual dues, you can support the Women's Association in this way. Send your check to Joan Streibel, treasurer, at the church 1000 Elm Street.



Summer Help Needed Good News Community Kitchen

Thank you to the more than fifty volunteers who have helped at GNCK over the past year! GCC has been well represented as a caring, committed community. Summer months are the most difficult to fill. We need volunteers for:

WE COULD USE SOME HELP



The GCC Hand Bells

Are you planning to drive near Philadelphia this summer? The GCC Hand Bells are going under the knife! The Hand Bells were a gift to the congregation in 1985 but they have never been back to the factory for refurbishment. We will be doing that this summer.

WE COULD USE SOME HELP.

If you know of someone who is driving to or near Philadelphia, PA, between now and July 15, and could transport a case or two to the factory, it would be a huge cost saving.

Please contact Sue Newberry at 724-6407 if you think you might be able to help out.

Sunday School

Preschoolers through third graders are invited to attend Session 1 of summer Sunday school at 9:30 from May 31 through June 28. Students will explore the meaning of friendship through literature and Bible based activities. Bring a friend!

Reminder

High School Senior Breakfast will be on June 7 at 8:30 a.m. given by the Confirmation/Youth Board. We will recognize and honor all seniors during the 9:30 worship service. Families and guests are welcome. Please let us know if you are coming.

Attention:

6TH GRADERS AND THEIR PARENTS:

It's time to register for 7th grade confirmation for next fall. This is a two year program for 7th - 8th grades, with students being confirmed in the spring of the 8th grade year. Registration forms and information are being sent home to each enrolled 6th grader. If we miss you, please contact Rev. Pam Keckler at 847-724-2210, Ext. 24. Forms are also available in the church office.

SUNDAYS

June 7, August 2 and September 6
Hours are 3:30 to 6:30 or 7 PM.

WEDNESDAYS

August 19
Hours are 4 to 7 or 7:30 PM.

If you or your family, or your board, or your women's chapter can help one of these dates, please e-mail: Sandra-Frantz@sbcglobal.net or call with questions: Sandy at 847-998-6696.

A Summer Prayer

May you breathe in the beauty of summer with its power of transformation.
May you seek and find spaces of repose during these summer months.
May these moments refresh and restore the tired places within you.
May you be open to times of celebration and recreation.
May your eyes see the wonders of summer's colors.
May your inner self be refreshed, restored, and renewed.
May the God of summer give us what we need for healing.
Amen.



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At A Glance

Thurs	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 5:00 pm
6-4	7:00 pm	HOP Committee Meeting, Parlor
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Rm, Sanctuary
Fri	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
6-5	8:00 pm	AA Mtg., Parlor
	8:00 pm	AI - Anon Meeting, Rm 201
Sat	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
6-6		
Sun	8:30 am	Senior Breakfast, Plymouth Rm
6-7	9:30 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary
Mon	7:00 pm	Finance Board Mtg., Founders Rm
6-8	7:00 pm	Pilgrim Wind Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Personnel Task Force, Rm 201
Tues	7:00 pm	Mission Outreach Board, Parlor
6-9	7:00 pm	Adult Education Board, Founders Rm
	7:00 pm	Children's Board Mtg., Rm 201
Wed	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
6-10	6:30 pm	BSA Troop 156, Gym
	7:00 pm	Music Board, Rm 201
	7:00 pm	Stewardship Board, Rm 7

Office Summer Hours 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Office summer hours begin June 15 through August 7, 2009.

Broadcaster Deadlines

The following dates are summer deadlines for the Broadcaster. Please remember that all articles need to be received by 9:00 a.m.

Summer Deadlines
7-8-09, 8-12-09,

Beginning the new church program year
8-19-09, 8-26-09 and continuing weekly.

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