



Broadcaster

July 18, 2012

FINDING COURAGE

When I first heard of the fires in Colorado Springs, I immediately thought of my daughter and family who live there. The fire was 10 miles from their home and some of their friends were on mandatory evacuation. Pikes Peak and the Gog were closed, and they were worried the fires would come over the ridge. That text was sent June 23. So I began to pray for Amy's friends and the safety of all concerned. Three days later we were informed that "We're almost ready to leave if needed...don't call...trying to prep. Love you all." The next text said "Mandatory evacuation. We'll be leaving in 10 minutes and going to a friend's home. The Flying W Ranch is on fire. If our house is there tomorrow it will be a miracle." This was June 26, a day I will never forget. All of a sudden I went from concern for others to being overwhelmed for the safety and protection of my own daughter and her family. Something "general" just became personal.

Amy kept us updated twice a day through emails and I went to work sending emails to friends in various states, asking for prayers. It wasn't just about their home. That can be replaced. I prayed for their emotional well being and safety many miles from Chicago. Three days later, they were home. All was well. They were one of the lucky ones. The city continues to contain the fire and help people rebuild their lives. And I get to give hugs to my daughter and family and hear all their stories this month when they visit. Thank you to all who remembered them and others in your thoughts and prayers.

As a way of keeping contact with Colorado Springs during this time, I checked the website of Amy's church and was encouraged by the resources they offered for members. I found some words from the pastor especially helpful and have shared part of it here:

"What a difference a week can make. About

the same time last week, a day which will live in our minds forever, many of us were breathing air that was heavy with smoke. Others of us were being evacuated from our homes. Still others were leaving behind prized belongings, only to find out that those possessions had been burned up in the fire upon our return. And yet, in the midst of these struggles, God has done and continues to do incredible things. At last week's prayer service, over 200 people joined us and more watched on our online live stream as music, words of hope, and bagpipes helped people come to terms with these new realities. I thought about Joshua (Joshua 1:1-18) and the many crossings that we face in our lives. Everyone is crossing something. Some of us are crossing from work to retired life. Others of us are crossing from a life without children to a life with children. Some of us are becoming empty nesters. Some of us are crossing rivers of challenge through difficult medical diagnoses. Some of us are facing wilderness times of marital conflict. And all of us, it must be said, are crossing from a life without the Waldo Canyon fire crisis to lives that will inevitably include the effects and the long-term ramifications of these fires. We are all crossing something.

Joshua rallies his people to cross into the Holy Land – to move forward, to walk through to the Promised Land...God tells the people to have strength and courage. Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged...Where does courage come from? Where does strength come from? It comes from God, but it is also something we must call upon within ourselves. Jesus said the kingdom of God is within you. The strength and courage that God gives us, and which lies buried deep within our souls, must be summoned, invoked, nurtured and called upon..." By Rev. Graham Baird First Presbyterian Church.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

JULY 22, 2012

9:30 a.m. *Community Worship*

Scripture:

2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sermon:

"Wherever You Are"
Rev. Dr. Doug Busby

JULY 29, 2012

9:30 a.m. *Community Worship*

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Doug Busby
Rev. Vertie Powers, *preaching*
Associate Conference Minister
CMA (Chicago Metropolitan Association), UCC

AUGUST 5, 2012

9:30 a.m. *Community Worship*

Scripture:

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15;
Psalm 78:23-29

Sermon:

"The Benevolent Care of God"
Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

AUGUST 12, 2012

9:30 a.m. *Community Worship*

Scripture:

1 Kings 19:4-8;
Psalm 34:1-8

Sermon:

"The Benevolent Care For One Another"
Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

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Whatever crossing you are facing, whatever is "off" in your life right now, know that God goes with you, along with this community of faith who holds your hands. With that kind of support and love, we can find the courage to tackle just about anything. Ask me, I know.

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Myra Loris will bring Chicago history to life again at Glenview Community Church.

Save September 12, October 17 and November 14 for a fabulous trip back into Chicago History.

Desert will be served at 7:00, Ms. Loris will begin at 7:30 p.m. and speak for an hour. Her topics are:

September 12:
Chicago, City of Pestiferous Odors!

October 17:
All Roads Lead to Chicago; the Gents Who Made It Happen

November 14:
Urban Phoenix: The Fire and The Fair

Tickets will be sold at fellowship hour on Sundays beginning in August. To purchase tickets now, call Sandy Bradbury at (847)729-9365. Single tickets are 15.00. The three lecture series \$35.00.

FAITH IN ACTION TEAM START-UP

A Faith in Action Team is forming under the aegis of the Mission Outreach Board. The team's purpose is to advocate for social justice as exemplified in the life of Jesus Christ. If you would like to help launch this faith initiative, join the next meeting on Sunday, August 19, right after church. Check the bulletin that day for the location. For more information, call Nancy Mullarkey or Kristine Voelker, who are listed in the Church Directory.

COMMUNITY RENEWAL SOCIETY SUCCESSES

Helped by enthusiastic support of many GCC members who signed postcards, made phone calls, attended meetings, traveled to Springfield, and visited legislators, speaking out for justice, Community Renewal Society has scored important victories over the last 6 months. Articles in the next several Broadcasters will summarize successes with affordable, accessible housing and the Chicago Public Schools Code of Conduct provisions on suspensions and expulsions. There is also significant progress on a bill to seal the criminal records of people who have exhibited good citizenship for four years after completing prison sentences for certain non-violent felonies.

PASTORAL CARE

Long time GCC member, Hud Wirth passed away on July 6, 2012. A memorial service will be held later this summer.

Please keep son Scott and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Our sympathy to David and Marilyn Crow, on the passing of David's brother, Louis Crow on June 22, 2012. We continue to hold the family in our thoughts and prayers.

CONFIRMATION 7TH GRADE

REGISTRATION FOR NEXT FALL

Incoming 7th Grade – Now is the time to register for confirmation class next fall. Forms are available in the church office or email Rev. Keckler at pam.keckler@gccucc.org.

8TH GRADERS

8th graders will return to the same class and teacher this fall, so no need to register. Please let us know of any updates.

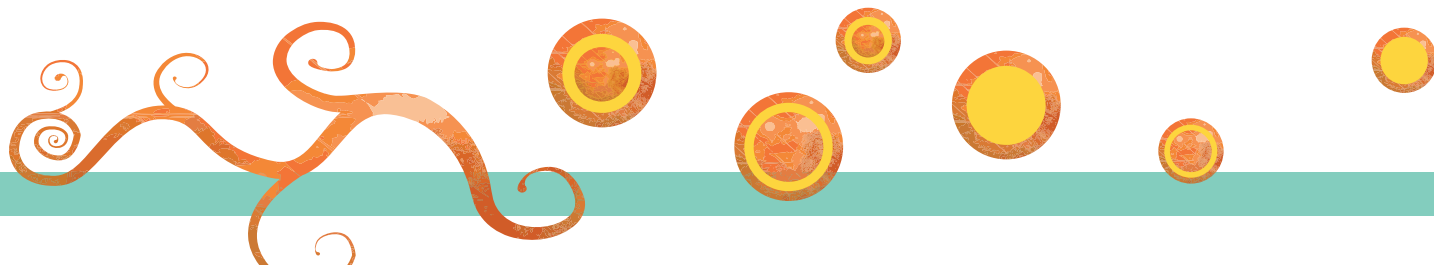
COMMUNITY YOUTH RETREAT TO TOWER HILL

All confirmands – 7th and 8th graders – are invited to come to our second annual retreat with the high school PYF. We'll travel to our UCC camp in Sawyer, Michigan on Saturday morning, August 18 and return Sunday afternoon, August 19. We'll have fellowship time, swimming, hiking, climbing the Dunes, and various discussion groups with the high school leaders, as well as the adult chaperones and confirmation teachers.

We'll enjoy campfire by the beach Saturday night as well as communion by the waters for our Sunday morning worship. Check the mail for your letter and permission slip and return forms to Pam or Elizabeth's box as soon as possible.

SUMMER OFFICE AND BUILDING HOURS

Summer Hours are now in effect through August 13. The office will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The building will be open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday 8:30 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. Please call ahead if you have a special need or request, as staff are working on various summer projects in the building during this time.



THANK YOU, BARBARA THEWIS

Barbara Thewis recently retired from Manager of the Resale Shop after 19 years. Below are words of thanks from the Women's Association given by Dori Hirsch. GCC thanks Barbara for all her work and leadership and wish her a happy retirement.

"Barbara, the Resale Shop and its customers have certainly enjoyed your creative ideas, energetic personality and resourcefulness. In your 19 years, you have met and dealt effectively with many challenges. Such as: power outages and floods! What a brilliant idea you had to rent the Pods, get our merchandise out of the basement quickly and then rent space in a storage facility that was big enough to continue sorting and tagging clothes as they came in. Result being – when our space in the church was refurbished, we were ready to move back in and be open for business within just a few days. Well done! And your solution to the not so small problem of items disappearing that were not paid for was to make a sign to hang in the dressing room that reads "Thou Shall Not Steal."

Of course, there have also been a good many laughs that came from funny happenings in the shop and trying on unusual clothes or trying to figure out just exactly what some of the garments are that we have received. This is a frequent challenge.

Through all of this, the Resale Shop has continued to grow. It has gone from The Exchange to The Resale Shop which also takes in linens and house wares. Since 1999, The Women's Association has donated \$436,543 to their selected charities. Most of these organizations serve women and children and the homeless. The Resale Shop has replaced all of our many former money making activities: The Bazaar, Antique Sale, House Walk, etc. which took a great deal of time and effort from many church women. It has proven to be an excellent activity. Whenever we volunteer at the Shop, we are reminded that we are doing hands-on work for our charitable organizations. In addition, we have many valuable customers who love to visit our shop every week. They are always so happy when we reopen in the fall.

Barb, we will all miss seeing your smiling face behind the counter and wish you well.

Have a long and happy retirement and do whatever you enjoy doing.

The Women's Association of Glenview Community Church.

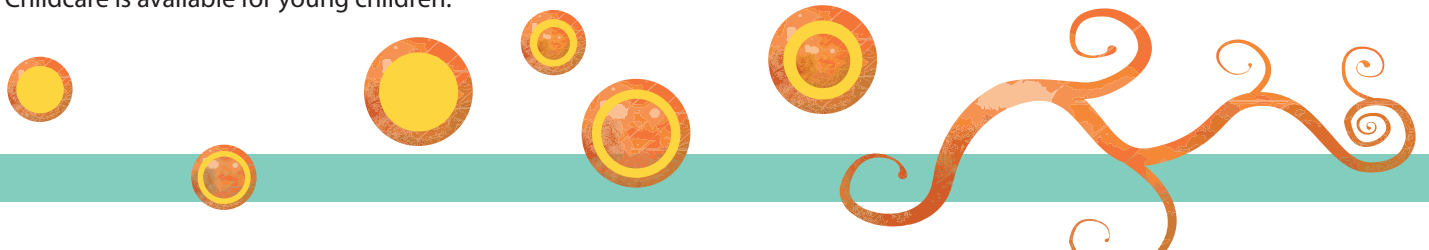
SUMMER WORSHIP

Summer worship continues each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. through Labor Day Sunday, September 2. There is a Children's Message each week, followed by Summer Sunday school activity, including time in the garden. Childcare is available for young children.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

THUR	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex
7/19	11:00 AM	Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm
	6:30 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
FRI	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
7/20	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201
SAT	7/21	Building is Open from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
SUN	9:30 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary
7/22	9:30 AM	Summer Sunday School, begins in the Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Time, Narthex
	10:30 AM	Planning Committee, Parlor
	10:45 AM	Bell Rehearsal, Chapel
THUR	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex
7/26	11:00 AM	Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm
FRI	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
7/27	8:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting, Rm 201
SAT	7/28	Building is Open from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
SUN	9:30 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary
7/29	9:30 AM	Summer Sunday School, begins in the Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Time, Narthex
THUR	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Chapel
8/2	11:00 AM	Countdown to Fitness, Chapel
FRI	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
8/3	8:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting, Rm 201
SAT	8/4	Building is Open from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
SUN	9:30 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary
8/5	9:30 AM	Summer Sunday School, begins in the Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Time, Narthex
THUR	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex
8/9	11:00 AM	Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm
FRI	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
8/10	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201
SAT	8/11	Building is Open from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
SUN	9:30 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary
8/12	9:30 AM	Summer Sunday School, begins in the Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Time, Narthex
Wed	7:00 PM	Pilgrim Wind Trio Rehearsal, Sanctuary
8/15		

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS AUGUST 8 AT 9:00 AM



PLEASE WELCOME STEPHEN BLACKWELDER

Particularly noted for his fluent work with singers and choral groups, Stephen Blackwelder is very pleased to be joining the great musical tradition of the Glenview Community Church. "I've known about the musical reputation of this church for decades and it's an honor to be chosen to continue that tradition," said Stephen. In addition to his new GCC position, he will continue as Director of the 150-voice DePaul Community Chorus (DCC) in Chicago. Under his direction, the DCC has recently collaborated with the Oistrach Symphony in successful performances of Mendelssohn's Elijah, Bruckner's Mass in D Minor, Haydn's Mass in Time of War and Brahms' Requiem. Already this summer, Stephen and Gary are



STEPHEN BLACKWELDER,
Director of Adult Choirs

making plans for special musical events for the coming church year at GCC.

A native of North Carolina, Blackwelder was the first undergraduate to receive a Bachelor of Music in conducting and voice from UNC-Chapel Hill. During his studies for the Master of Music degree at Northwestern University, he assisted Grigg Fountain with the Alice Millar Chapel Choir in addition to his duties with orchestral and opera groups. Professional study includes four seasons with the renowned Aspen Music Festival and master classes with Sir Georg Solti, Max Rudolf and Erich Leinsdorf. Stephen and his wife Lisa (a music teacher and singer) live in Chicago's far north Rogers Park neighborhood.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW GCC MEMBERS

These individuals and families formally joined Glenview Community Church on June 10, 2012. All of them remarked in the Orientation Class that they appreciate the warm welcome and kindness from all of the members when they first came through the church doors. We welcome them to our faith community and look forward to getting to know them better and sharing with them.



Bonnie Curland

Bonnie is a hair dresser and lives in Glenview. She has two adult sons. Bonnie enjoys volunteering in the Resale Shop.



Sheila O'Brien

Sheila is a retired Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court and wife of Wayne Andersen. They have three daughters. This Glenview family has been active in helping with Hands of Peace each summer.



Jennifer Pollak

Jennifer is a R.N. and lives in Mt. Prospect with her three children. She sought a UCC church and found us on the website of our denomination. Her daughter was recently baptized in worship.



Joann and Mason Vernon

The Vernons are excited to join GCC after attending here the past few months. Their young son was baptized recently in worship. Joann and Mason are busy in their professions of Dentist and P.E. Teacher, along with raising two pre-school children. They reside in Glenview.



Christopher Wetterman

Chris is husband to Amanda (Tarkington) Wetterman. They live in Glenview along with their young daughter. Chris is in the Banking business.

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MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby, MD, *Transitional Senior Minister*
Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Minister for Spiritual Formation & Church Operations*

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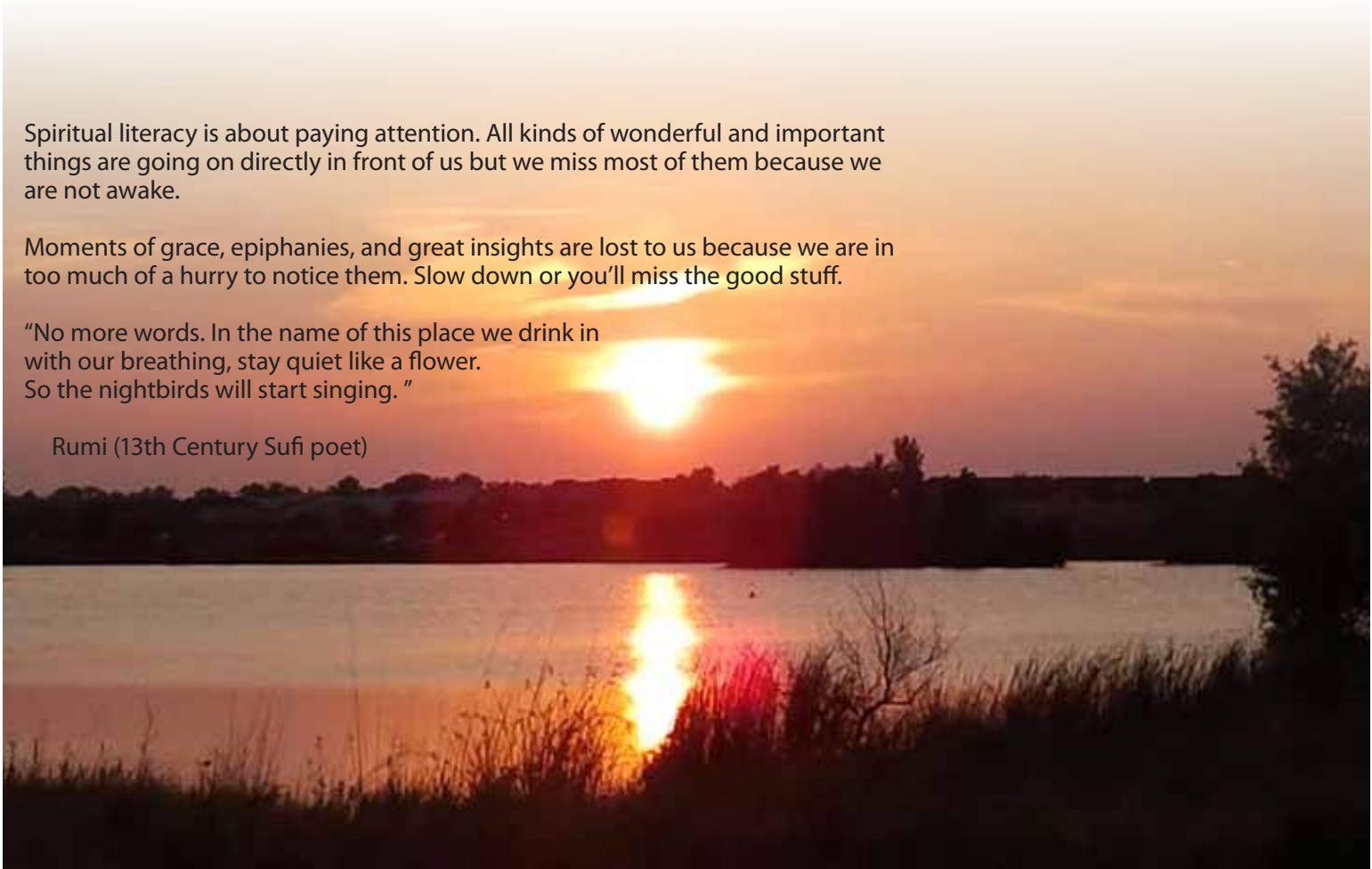
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Stephen Blackwelder, *Adult Choir*

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Spiritual literacy is about paying attention. All kinds of wonderful and important things are going on directly in front of us but we miss most of them because we are not awake.

Moments of grace, epiphanies, and great insights are lost to us because we are in too much of a hurry to notice them. Slow down or you'll miss the good stuff.

"No more words. In the name of this place we drink in with our breathing, stay quiet like a flower. So the nightbirds will start singing."

Rumi (13th Century Sufi poet)