

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

For the past two years, Glenview Community Church's ministry of congregational care has been in transition following the retirement of our Advocate Health Parish Nurse. It's now time for us to move forward in this critical area of ministry. During this interim, Congregational Care has been coordinated by the Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds, in partnership with the pastoral staff, through the Pastoral Care Board, Called to Care, networking with community resources, and in one-onone contacts with members and friends of GCC. Rev. Edmonds has also been evaluating our current structure for congregational care, especially as we equip our members to practice faithful Christian care for others.

During this interim we have been challenged by a critical reality. Because GCC was not in a position to financially sustain its present ministries, the staff position in congregational care was vulnerable. The good news is that your stewardship that supports the message, ministries and mission of GCC has grown phenomenally in the past two years, increasing by over \$200,000! That means that the congregational care staff position is no longer vulnerable because of financial limitations.

At its June meeting, I presented the following staffing design proposal to the Spiritual Council:

- Employ a half-time staff person to oversee the ministries of congregational care at GCC.
- Include a volunteer RN level nurse from the membership of the congregation to be resourced by Advocate Health Care's Faith Community Nursing Network. This nurse would be a specialized participant in the lay caregiving ministries of GCC and would be coordinated by the Coordinator of Congregational Care.
- Congregants seeking care ministry best provided by a nurse would have that

resource available to them through the Coordinator of Congregational Care.

With the Spiritual Council's unanimous blessing, the Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds will continue her part-time ministry in this area. With training and experience in hospice care, and especially as a hospice chaplain, Rev. Edmonds brings unique gifts and skills to this work. Because she is an ordained minister, her title will be Pastoral Associate for Congregational Care. She will not be a called pastor of GCC, but will be providing support for its pastoral ministry. Rev. Edmonds will immediately begin the process of recruiting one RN congregant to become the volunteer GCC Faith Community Nurse. If it is needed, a second Faith Community Nurse would be recruited at a later time.

Through the past two years, Rev. Edmonds has fallen in love with the work she is doing. Because she is present on Sunday mornings, she has connected with many of our members and friends. And I have received a number of expressions of gratitude for her work. In addition, our pastoral and ministry staff members are all working exceedingly well together to provide GCC with the leadership and care it needs. I am so grateful that Rev. Edmonds will continue in this important ministry.

As we look to our future, Rev. Edmonds will help us to closely examine the dynamic and complex issues of aging, family life and lay congregational caregiving that continue to emerge. Aging, in particular, is an area of increasing need for ministry. In fact, the majority of our congregation's members and friends either are at least seventy years old or have parents in this demographic. We will look to Stephen Ministry, hospice and other models of caregiving as we develop and implement new ways to educate, minister to and support the congregation.

WORSHIP SERVICES

JULY 12, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Amos 7:7-15 Mark 6:14-29

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize **Shooting the Messenger**

JULY 19, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

2 Samuel 7:1-14a Ephesians 2:11-22

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize *God's House*

JULY 26, 2015

HANDS OF PEACE SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

2 Samuel 11:1-15 John 6:1-15

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

Power, Privilege and Palaces



From its founding until today, one of the greatest strengths of Glenview Community Church is its creative, progressive approach to ministry. Thirty years ago, GCC demonstrated that strength by becoming a Parish Nurse church. I think that this new design honors our strong tradition while keeping GCC on the cutting edge of creative ways to express and expand God's love and healing. See you in church!

Chuck

35TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Where does the time go??? August 3rd will mark the 35th anniversary of my ordination to Christian ministry. I was ordained at my home church – the First Presbyterian Church in Wood River, Illinois – by the Presbytery of Elijah Parish Lovejoy. Now, thirty-five years later, my home church has merged with another congregation, I am a minister in the United Church of Christ, and I am richly blessed to be GCC's Senior Pastor!

I am thrilled that, on Sunday, August 2nd, the Rev. M. Kay Krejci will be preaching at GCC as I give thanks for thirty-five years of ordained ministry. Kay has been my dear friend and wonderful colleague in ministry for nearly thirty years. I first met Kay soon after I began my pastorate at Samuel UCC in St. Louis. In 1988 Kay began a two-year tenure as Student Pastor and Director of Christian Education at Samuel Church. Kay was ordained at Samuel Church in 1991, and I was honored to preach at her ordination. Then, in 1995, Kay answered the call of Union Church in Green Bay to join me on the pastoral staff as Minister of Christian Life. Since 2008, Kay has been serving as Pastor of First Congregational UCC in Twinsburg, Ohio and is looking forward to retiring at the end of this year. Please extend a warm welcome to Kay, her husband Bruce, and their daughter Anna on August 2nd!



GENERAL SYNOD 30

Every two years, representatives come together to conduct the national business of the United Church of Christ. The General Synod is a weeklong event that takes place in various sections of the country, meeting in a convention center. Delegates, visitors, Conference Ministers, and our UCC national officers travel to make decisions, talk with friends, worship together, and learn about what's happening in our denomination.

I've attended many synods as a visitor, always wanting to be a delegate and cast my vote with other delegates, but it never happened, until this year. Last spring, I received a call from the nominating committee of CMA (Chicago Metropolitan Association), asking if I would consider being nominated for General Synod delegate. I couldn't believe it! When I asked where we would travel, I was told it would be in Cleveland, the birthplace of our denomination 58 years ago. By saying yes, I would also agree to attending the next Synod as well – in Baltimore in 2017.

So I, along with 37 other delegates from the Illinois Conference, sat at the table with the 700 Conference delegates from across the country, deliberated in committees, offered our opinions on the floor, and cast our votes (through electronic voting) during the 8 plenary meetings. It was both exciting and exhausting to engage in the business of our national church.

The first words from our Moderator on June 26 were these: "We start this General Synod with the Supreme Court decision on marriage equality. Where will we go next?" This held special significance because the General Synod 10 years ago had voted to support marriage equality. We ended our closing worship with the song, "Go make a difference. We can make a difference in the world."

I spent hours with other committee members working on resolutions that speak to various justice issues and proposals about the future shape and governance of the UCC itself. I visited over 100 exhibits in the Exhibit Hall. Over 3100 visitors were registered – and over 4,000 people came for Sunday afternoon worship. Wonderful music, great speakers, communal theological reflection, renewing acquaintances,

working together with other delegates – it was a great experience. I look forward to sharing more with you.

Pam

WELCOME GUILLERMO MUÑOZ KÜSTER!

On Thursday evening, June 18th our Chancel Choir met, experienced and unanimously elected Guillermo Muñoz Küster as the Director of Adult Choirs for Glenview Community Church! A native of Santiago, Chile, Guillermo holds a B.A. in Music from Lebanon Valley College in Annville, PA and a Master of Music degree, focusing on conducting and classical guitar, from Northwestern University. Guillermo has led the church choirs at Countryside Unitarian Universalist Church in Palatine as Interim Director and at Winnetka Congregational Church as Assistant Director, as well as the Chapel Choir at Northwestern University's Alice Millar Chapel as Assistant Director with Stephen Alltop. Guillermo is anxious to meet our GCC church family. Please make him welcome as he begins his ministry with us in August.

DEAR FRIENDS,

I write to thank you for all your kindnesses during my sickness and stays in the hospital and rehab center. Your visits, many cards, flowers, soups, fruits, prayers, gifts and tributes have sustained me through some difficult days. The ministers have been terrific and their support has been much appreciated. They brought news, laughter, joy, and peaceful encouragement.

My wounds show progress each week as a result of an application of medicines and a dressing change each day. The progress needed for walking around unaided is slower than expected or wanted. All should understand that I remain absolutely dependent on Rosalie for all functions throughout the day. Most of her waking moments are used in taking care of me. She deserves the praise. I realize how many glorious worship services and activities I have missed these past seven months, but I will see you soon in church.

With much appreciation and love, Tom Amos

POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT HANDS OF PEACE

Do you (or someone you know) want to work part-time with Hands of Peace? We have two positions open in the Chicago area. It may be possible for one person to fill both jobs if they possess all of the required skills.

The Chicago Site Director manages staff and volunteers and performs ongoing administrative tasks for both our year round operations and our Summer Program. The role involves approximately 25-30 hours/ week throughout the year except for the 18-day Summer Program in July/August when it is full-time.

The Communications Manager produces all PR and marketing materials for HOP including the annual report, brochures, and Benefit invitations. Additional duties include writing appeal letters and newsletters, Facebook posts, and updating the website. The Communications Manager must have excellent writing skills and proficiency with Microsoft Office Products, Facebook and other social media. This position will require about 10-15 hours per week.

Contact Jane Hund at 847-729-8607 for additional information.

DROP-IN CHOIR DAY ALL ARE INVITED

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2015

After a successful "Drop-In" Choir day this past spring, we decided to do it again! You're invited to join us in singing for our worship service on August 2. No experience necessary. No advanced rehearsal necessary. No RSVP necessary. Just meet us in the choir loft at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 2 to learn some meaningful, fun music. Come and make joyful noises to the Lord with us from "behind the scenes" of the choir loft!



GET INSPIRED AT THE JULY 27 HANDS OF PEACE FAREWELL BANQUET!

Tickets are now on sale via the Hands of Peace website <u>www.handsofpeace.org</u> for the 2015 Farewell Banquet! Last year's banquet sold out-- so please don't delay in purchasing your tickets. The evening will include moving reflections from Israeli, Palestinian, and American participants in Hands of Peace, the debut of unique two-minute films directed by the teens, a photo slideshow, a delicious buffet of Middle Eastern food, and much more.

TICKET PRICE:

\$30

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

Visit <u>handsofpeace.org</u> and purchase tickets with a credit card

WHERE:

Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation 303 Dodge Ave. in Evanston, IL

WHEN:

Monday, July 27, 6-8:30 p.m.

DRESS CODE:

Business casual or cocktail attire



Hands of Peace (HOP) is an interfaith organization developing peace-building and leader-ship skills in Israeli, Palestinian, and American teenagers through the power of dialogue and personal relationships. GCC has been a long-time supporter of this inspiring program, and many GCC families and teenagers take part every summer. HOP's goals include fostering global engagement, empowering empathetic leaders of the future, debunking stereotypes, and planting the seeds for grass-roots change.



THANK YOU!

Worse than being left speechless is to be rendered inarticulate. No words that I can string together express the depth of joy, love and gratefulness felt from your 10th anniversary surprise. I have spent a couple of weeks stumbling over my words when talking to people about it. It was one of those life moments where words simply cannot express what is in the head

and heart. So I will choose the more appropriate, and dignified, path of speechlessness and simply say, "thank you." The only other words that come to mind are, "We've only just begun." But before you think we are planning a Carpenters service, take a moment to think about that phrase. Can you feel it? Can you feel the excitement of hope and promise of tomorrow? 10 years is the longest I've stayed in any one place, not because of wanderlust or the Witness Protection Program, but because I thrive on challenge, growth, the opportunity to give something impactful to a community, and the ability to be part of something greater than myself. For being that perfect confluence, I am grateful to GCC. The bicycle already has many miles on it, the cards and letters have been read with utter humility, and those tall, upright rectangular gift bags have been opened and shared. Here's to the next 10 years!

With love and admiration, Gary Wendt Minister for Music & Organist







ATTENTION: ALL CHURCH MEMBERS -ESPECIALLY COLLEGE FAMI-LIES

We need your participation! Our church community Pictorial Directory Event begins this month. We encourage you to book your photo session now. Things get busy with vacations and your college bound students will be leaving to return to school shortly thereafter. Don't miss this opportunity to capture this moment with your family.

us together by commemorating our church and the photos also create lasting family memories in professional portraiture. Your family receives a free 8 x 10 of your directory family photo and a copy of the directory just for being a part of our event!

We are hoping for full participation.

Everyone matters and you are under no obligation to purchase additional photos. We have several upcoming dates in July specifically scheduled

This community-building event joins

before our college students return to their campuses (July 22-25). See dates below which are also available and are especially convenient for our families with younger children who will just be getting back to school.

Please sign up today! You can sign up online through the link on the GCC website's home-page or after the worship service on Sunday, or call Laura Heyser for assistance (847.772.2844.)

DATES FOR PORTRAITS

July 22-24

2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

July 25

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

August 25-28

2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

August 29

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

September 8-11

2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

September 12

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to be a Welcome Host and a Check-In Host during these sittings. Please contact Laura Heyser or Pam Keckler if you are able to help.

RESALE SHOP

Interested in working at the Resale Shop or know someone who might be? We are looking for someone to work 13 hours per week from the end of August to the beginning of June: Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Fridays 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. No retail experience is needed but the person must be friendly, self-motivated, and have basic computer skills. The pay is \$11/hour. If you are interested or know of someone who would be a great fit for this position, please contact C.J. Sultz by emailing her at cisultz@comcast.net or call 312-933-0413.

SEWING (MACHINE) OR CUTTING/IRONING SKILLS? COME JOIN US!

The Angel Costume Crew has started meeting at the church, several evenings per week, to create replacements for the white Pageant robes that are worn annually by 30-40 high school girls. The current robes have served GCC well for almost 25 years, but it's time for some new ones. We're off to a good start, but would really appreciate some more assistance. If you can help, please contact Becky Lothian at dblothian@comcast.net or (847)421-7947.

CONSTRUCTIVE CONVERSATIONS

Have you heard about the new Constructive Conversations Ministry?

What is it? A confidential process where members of the congregation can ask for help to resolve issues with one another.

Do we have a problem at GCC with conflict? If not, why do we need this ministry? Thankfully, this ministry was not created in response to a specific problem – GCC is a great place to be and we want to keep it that way! Think of this ministry as a tool to help maintain and strengthen the health of our community, like an inoculation you receive to prevent getting sick.

How does it work? Anyone can take advantage of this completely confidential process by contacting a member of the Constructive Conversations Ministry team (Cathy Ach, Leanne Drennan, Debby Fosdick, Kelly Golding, Gretchen Grad, Mary Ellen Johnson, Reverend Chuck Mize, Brad Smith, or C.J. Sultz) to get the tools to try to resolve the issue on their own or take advantage of a trained church facilitator for assistance. What if I have questions? The Constructive Conversations Ministry team is available to address any questions, concerns, comments, etc., so please do not hesitate to reach out to any of them.

CALLING ALL ADULTS!!!

The Fellowship Board is excited to introduce "First Thursdays." Every first Thursday of each month adults over 21 and their guests are invited to meet out at various establishments in Glenview for fellowship. This August come out to Grandpa's on Thursday, August 6 at 7:00 p.m.! Contact Ryan Peschke with questions via email peschker@gmail.com or call 773-678-2062. We hope to see you!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

GCC is packing food for Feed My Starving Children at an event held at Union Station's Great Hall in Chicago on Wednesday August 12th from 8:30-10:30 am. We'll take the train to Chicago and help others in need! If you would like to join us or have any questions, please contact Melissa at mbaconaki@comcast.net. GCC is recognized as a Silver Sponsor at this packing event because of our Christmas offering donation.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

| WHAI | S HAPPENING | AI GCC |
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| Event Time | Event Name | Primary Location |
| Thursday, 09 July 20 | 015 | |
| 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM | HOP Arrival/Family Pick Day | Mayflower |
| 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM | Summer Music & Movement | Cradle/Toddler Room |
| Friday, 10 July 2015 | | |
| 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM | AA MEETING | Parlor |
| 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM | AL-ANON | Library |
| Saturday, 11 July 20 | | _ |
| 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM | Mens Open Gym | Gym |
| 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM | Memorial Pagentian for James Brackett | SanctuaryM |
| | Memorial Reception for James Brackett | Mayflower |
| Sunday, 12 July 201 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM | Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary | SanctuaryM |
| 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM | Glenview Community Church Worship | Sanctuary |
| 10.00 AW to 11.00 AW | Service Service | Caricidary |
| 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM | Fellowship and Refreshments | Narthex |
| Monday, 13 July 201 | 5 | |
| 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM | Spirit Group | Library |
| 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM | Pageant Costumes | Room 201 |
| Tuesday, 14 July 20 | 15 | |
| 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM | Pageant Costumes | Room 201 |
| Wednesday, 15 July | 2015 | |
| 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM | Pageant Costumes | Room 201 |
| Friday, 17 July 2015 | | |
| 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM | AA MEETING | Parlor |
| 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM | AL-ANON | Library |
| Saturday, 18 July 20 | 15 | |
| 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM | Mens Open Gym | Gym |
| Sunday, 19 July 201 | 5 | |
| 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM | Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary | SanctuaryM |
| 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM | Glenview Community Church Worship | Sanctuary |
| 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM | Service Fellowship and Refreshments | Narthex |
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| Tuesday, 21 July 20 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM | Pageant Costumes | Room 201 |
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| Wednesday, 22 July 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM | | Room 201 |
| | Pageant Costumes | ROOM 201 |
| Friday, 24 July 2015 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM | AA MEETING | Parlor |
| 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM | AL-ANON | |
| | | Library |
| Saturday, 25 July 20 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM | | Cum |
| | Mens Open Gym | Gym |
| Sunday, 26 July 201 | | |
| 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM | Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary | SanctuaryM |
| 10.00 AW to 11.00 AW | GCC Worship Service with Hands of Peace | Sanctuary |
| 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM | Fellowship and Refreshments | Narthex |
| Monday, 27 July 201 | 15 | |
| 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM | Pageant Costumes | Room 201 |
| Tuesday, 28 July 20 | 15 | |
| 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM | Pageant Costumes | Room 201 |
| Wednesday, 29 July | 2015 | |
| 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM | Pageant Costumes | Room 201 |
| Thursday, 30 July 20 | 015 | |
| 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM | Summer Music & Movement | Cradle/Toddler Room |
| Friday, 31 July 2015 | | |
| 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM | AA MEETING | Parlor |
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| Friday, 07 August 20 | 015 | |
| 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM | AA MEETING | Parlor |
| 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM | AL-ANON | Library |
| Saturday, 08 Augus | 2015 | • |
| 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM | Mens Open Gym | Gym |
| Sunday, 09 August 2 | 2015 | , |
| 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM | Stewardship Board Meeting | Founders |
| 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM | Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary | SanctuaryM |
| 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM | Glenview Community Church Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM | Fellowship and Refreshments | Narthex |
| Friday, 14 August 20 | 015 | |
| 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM | AA MEETING | Parlor |
| 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM | AL-ANON | Library |
| Saturday, 15 August | t 2015 | |
| 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM | Mens Open Gym | Gym |
| Sunday, 16 August 2 | 2015 | |
| 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM | Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary | SanctuaryM |
| 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM | Glenview Community Church Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM | Fellowship and Refreshments | Narthex |
| Friday, 21 August 20 | 015 | |
| 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM | AA MEETING | Parlor |
| 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM | AL-ANON | Library |
| Saturday, 22 Augus | t 2015 | |
| 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM | Mens Open Gym | Gym |
| Sunday, 23 August | 2015 | |
| 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM | Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary | SanctuaryM |
| 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM | Glenview Community Church Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM | Fellowship and Refreshments | Narthex |
| 11:15 AM to 12:15 PM | GCC Overall Awareness/Education Mtg. | Chapel |
| 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM | PYF | Youth Room |
| Wednesday, 26 Aug | just 2015 | |
| 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM | POW / 87 Club | Mayflower |
| 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM | FISH | Mayflower |
| 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM | POW / 87 Club | Mayflower |





THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS AUGUST 19, 2015 AT 9:00 AM

YEAR'S RECAP WITH A FEW NEW THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO FOR THE UPCOMING CHURCH YEAR!

The children, youth, and their families and I have worked together this past program year to create a church family atmosphere that encourages learning, faith exploration and service to the community. I am excited as we grow together in spirit and faith. I want to highlight some parts of the program year that will remain the same and those changes that are a reflection of the spiritual growth of our young people. *Elizabeth*

GROWING WITH GOD ROOM (Crib – Toddler room)

Denise Morgan has been welcoming our youngest of children to this room. This room has a place for the children to play and to be cared for by our staff. There is also a TV that broadcasts the worship service and many dads and moms stay with their children while watching worship.

PRESCHOOL 3/4 Pre-K

This age group starts in their classrooms and then ends together with song and music led by Debby Shellard, Director for Children's Choirs. After Easter, the pre-kindergartners transitioned to sitting with their parents for the first part of worship, then dismissed with the other children after *For Children Only*. There were some days the preschool children shared class together.



FISH FISH is for children K-6th grade

The children met on Wednesdays between 4:00 - 5:15 p.m. They were divided by age groups. FISH children learned to play chimes, engaged in art projects, special service projects, played in the gym and learned about the bible. This was a great way to support your children delving deeper into their faith.



K-4TH GRADE

This age group started in worship with their parents and then proceeded to their classrooms. They conclude class in 201 with a large group discussion, or a skit put on by one of the other classes and prayer. It is always great to hear what they have talked about during church school and how the children of GCC see their faith. After the closing prayer the children have about five minutes to play in the faith-based centers. Parents picked up their children in 201.



5TH & 6TH GRADE

Fifth and Sixth graders sat with their teachers in the transept balcony. These young pre-teens are beginning to develop their own relationship with church and their church community. After For Children Only they were dismissed to their classrooms. They then close together in fellowship. Once a month they joined the other children to complete a service project. They also participated in presenting bible verses to the larger church school. The fifth and sixth grade teachers for next year will participate in a joint book club format for one Sunday a month during church school time. This book club will be a great way for these children to connect their church learning to their daily lives.



PYF Pilgrim Youth Fellowship

PYF is the high school youth group. PYF met on Sundays from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. and offered the youth a wide variety of fun, learning about the bible, their faith, and themselves. The youth and adult volunteers have worked hard to create a space that fosters a safe space for our GCC youth. PYF went on three retreats/ trips, had one lock-in and took a yearly mission trip. To receive periodic updates about PYF please send an email address to PYF.GCC@Gmail.com.

A FEW NEW THINGS

AGAPE PINS

The covenantal nature of the Christian tradition is important to understand and to practice. We are all in covenant with God to love one another and love God. We can show this by any number of ways. One important way is how we participate in church. The more we participate in our faith community, the more we gain ourselves and embrace God's love for us.

Agape Pins will be awarded to children from K - 6th grade. They will need to meet the specified requirements that are based on a point system. The goal for an Agape Pin is 25 points. There will be incentives or prizes after every 5 points. They may get to the 25 points in the following ways:

1 point for each day a child attends church school (9 of the 25 points must come from church school attendance),

5 points for participation in a year of FISH,

5 points for participation in a year of Children's Choir,

3 points for participating in GCC's Pageant,

3 points for completing a service project sponsored by our church (through church school, mission board, etc),

3 points for attending a fellowship event.

We will keep track of these points via church school attendance and sign in sheets at different events. There will also be a sheet to self-track if you and your child would like to track their own progress. If a child moves into the area during the middle of a school year or if there is a family illness, I will work with those families. We will celebrate our work together at an end of the year ice - cream party.



87 CLUB / 87-6 CLUB

Seventh and Eighth graders will meet on Wednesdays between 5:30-7:45 p.m. They will enjoy a dinner, gym time, games and discussions. There will be time to reflect on faith and middle school. They will also have opportunities to interact and be mentored by high school youth. Once a month we will have 87-6 club. This will give the 6th graders a chance to participate in a service project with the 7th and 8th graders while facilitating a transition into middle school.



POW PYF on Wednesdays

PYF will meet at 5:30-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays in addition to Sundays. They will have a dinner and enjoy the gym and youth room. After dinner the youth will engage in deeper faith learning and biblical discussions. We will use a curriculum that delves into some important topics for today. PYF youth will be able to utilize their leadership and mentoring skills with the middle school youth on different occasions.



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PASTORS

Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize, Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, Pastor

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

CHURCH BUILDING HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sunday

PONDERING IN SILENCE...

Your love, O God, is an ocean with no shore to bound it. And if I plunge into it, I carry with me all the possessions I have. You know, Lord, what these possessions are --- the souls you have seen fit to link with mine.

Therese of Lisieux, France (1873-1897)