



Broadcaster

GRAND OPENING

What a delight it is to be blessed by our glorious new space each Sunday morning, and especially for fellowship and refreshments after worship! Our inaugural Sunday for the Commons was Rev. Bobbie McKay's Jubilee Anniversary of Ordination on Sunday, June 16. It is such an amazingly gracious and welcoming space that's filled with light and the light of God's love as we share a bite to eat, something to drink, and engaging conversation with one another.

A team of dedicated GCC members and staff have been working tirelessly to reclaim and move into other areas of our facility, both familiar and new. **Bill and Heather Cooper** have invested literally hundreds of hours filing our vast choral music in the new choir library. Led by **Jeanie Bond, Joanne Peters and Karen Aldrich**, a team has been thoroughly cleaning, organizing and moving back into our main church kitchen. With the care and attention of **Melinda Krueger and Jill Ruter**, many hands have been clearing the Mayflower Room, distributing furnishings, and making our building ready for ministry. And GCC staff members **Susan Woodsome, Frank Pulice, Miguel DelRio and Krys Lezon** have been carrying and organizing countless items. It's been a beehive of activity!

Meanwhile in the sanctuary, **Berghaus Pipe Organ Builders** is meticulously cleaning, repairing, updating and restoring the mechanism of our wonderful pipe organ while, at the Berghaus shop in Bellwood, each of our 3,900 pipes is being repaired and renewed in preparation for their return to GCC. It's an amazing process that is being accomplished

by artisans with technical expertise and artistic mastery.

All of this is in preparation for a month-long Grand Opening Celebration of our renewed facility and our revitalized ministry at GCC. On Sunday, September 8, we will celebrate **Rally Day** in our traditional fun way with glorious worship, delicious food, warm fellowship, engaging fun, and exciting tours of our new space. Sunday, September 15 will be **Dedication Sunday** as we formally dedicate our new space to the glory of God and to God's service in worship. After worship we will gather in our new Commons where we will continue the dedication and celebration in refreshments, word and music. On September 22 and 29 we will focus on **Invitation and Engagement**. Music will fill our Commons with a special invitation to our youngest members to participate. And we will have an Open House on a September Saturday for those in Glenview and the surrounding communities who either can't make it on Sunday or are hesitant to engage in worship. It really is going to be a grand Grand Opening!

And we need each of you to take an active part in this Grand Opening by inviting your neighbors and friends to GCC! There is nothing more effective or personal than a one-on-one invitation to experience the power of God's inclusive love in the faith fellowship of our church!

I'm so excited about September at GCC, and I hope you're excited, too! Sometimes against the seemingly insurmountable odds of budgets, code requirements and com-

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JULY 17, 2019

WORSHIP 10:00 AM

JULY

SIXTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY

21

Scripture:

*Qur'an
Hebrew
Christian*

*Chapter 51, Verses 24-27
Genesis 18:1-10
Luke 10:38-42
Hebrews 13:1-2*

Sermon:

***That Which Will Not
Be Taken From Us***

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

JULY

28

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY

Scripture:

*Psalms 85
Luke 11:1-13*

Sermon:

Keep Knocking

Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini

AUGUST

4

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY
HOLY COMMUNION

Scripture:

*Hosea 11:1-11
Luke 12:13-21*

Sermon:

Soul's Core

Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini

the message

We Would Be Building

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peting needs we have created the most welcoming and gracious space that GCC has ever known. And it's all because of your generosity and commitment.

Please, please, please share the good news that God's love is alive and active at GCC! And please, please, please invite your friends and neighbors to join us as we rejoice in what we have accomplished, and as we commit anew to building **A House for ALL God's People**; right here and right now!

See you in church!
Chuck Mize

WE NEED YOU!!!

We are looking to find several people to join our Usher Teams. We could definitely use your help! The commitment is minimal. We have seven Usher Teams; so generally you would serve only once every seven weeks. It's easy to join us, just contact Bill Roenitz at redrook9@comcast.net and he will add you to one of our Teams. Please give serious thought to becoming an Usher at Glenview Community Church!!! Your service to the Church would be greatly appreciated!

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED! COMMUNION TEAM CO-CHAIR NEEDED!

The Communion Team is looking for someone to co-chair the Communion Team Leader position. This position does not require knowledge of serving communion (that can be learned very quickly), but it does require organizational skills. You will be responsible for recruiting the servers from a communion team list of volunteers; arranging the communion prep work and assisting and leading the communion servers on communion Sundays (which are the first Sunday of every month, plus a few additional "special" services). There is a list of "very willing to serve" Communion Team members to draw from and it has never been a problem recruiting servers. Please note that this will be a co-chair position, so the responsibilities are cut in half. It is not a difficult job and is not terribly time consuming, especially with a co-chair.

If you are interested in learning more about the position, please contact Sally Hicks at Sarahhicks70@gmail.com or 847-729-3162.

NEW TO YOU IS LOOKING FOR AN ASSISTANT MANAGER!

After a long year of being closed, the New to You resale shop has been up and running this summer in our refreshed (and permanent) space in the Plymouth Room. Starting in August, we are looking to hire an assistant manager for about 15-16 hours a week. If you know someone who is friendly, hard-working, and might be interested (and maybe that's you!), please have them contact C.J. Sultz at 312-933-0413 or cjsultz@comcast.net. Thanks!

SPIRITUAL COUNCIL MEETING REPORT JUNE 5 AND JUNE 25, 2019

The Spiritual Council met twice in June. The June 5 gathering was a special meeting to discuss the results of the focus groups and market research conducted by the marketing firm **31 Lengths** during the spring and to talk about next steps. On June 25, the Spiritual Council held its regular monthly meeting.

Membership and Marketing: The **31 Lengths** report highlighted the unique strengths GCC has to offer to the community, including music, service opportunities, youth programs, and space for calm and spirituality. However, like many churches, we are losing members at a steady rate, and we need to stem this tide to ensure GCC's continued existence. The representative from **31 Lengths** concluded that we should unite the many facets of GCC under the umbrella of a single theme and that we urgently need to energize and modernize our outreach to communicate with all generations in the surrounding community. At the same time, we must work on engagement and retention of existing membership.

The Spiritual Council discussed and approved a proposal for GCC to engage a part-time contractor to work on Membership and Marketing for a two-year trial period. This is not a staff position. The work description includes designing new community outreach initiatives and finding ways to reinvigorate membership. A contracted professional would provide coordination and continuity of efforts that we cannot achieve through the efforts of volunteers.

Treasurer's Report: One key highlight of the June 25 meeting was the Treasurer's Report. Chris Clark reported on a very strong start to the fiscal year, explaining that revenues through May were about \$72,000 ahead of budget while expenses were under budget by \$61,000, leaving us around \$133,000 ahead of budget. He also reported that fulfillment of Forward in Faith pledges is at around two-thirds of the total, which is about the expected level for this point in the campaign.



GCC'S SUMMER SCHEDULE

The church building will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, closed on Saturday, and open on Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The church office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

THANK YOU FOR MY JUBILEE CELEBRATION!

I want to thank everyone for the sensational celebration of my 50th year of ministry. Thanks, first to Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize, for his wonderful understanding,



support and planning of this special event. Chuck, you knew how important this was to me and to the teams at GCC and beyond to honor God's Amazing Grace in this very special God-filled program.

Thank you to all the teams who were there to fill the church with their loving and enthusiastic support for this program. And thanks to those not on teams in the congregation who added their spirit to our celebration..

Thanks to the Reverend Dr. Vertie Powers, a special friend and colleague, who has supported this program from the beginning and now joins with the Rev. Dr. Stephen Ray, President of CTS, to collaborate in bringing this program to a wider audience at CTS, CMA and beyond.

Thank you to all the members of Glenview Community Church. You supported my ministry in the 1970s through the efforts of the Women's Association to bring a woman minister to GCC. And you have supported this Spiritual Life Team Program since 2015 when I returned to GCC to share this wonderful research project and its extensions with the world.

Ministry is such a powerful experience! To have God as my "boss" and the church as the extension of God into the world is about as good as it gets! To begin and end my ministry at the same place is a rare and powerful gift for which I constantly give thanks to God and all of you.

With prayers and love,
Rev. Bobbie McKay, Ph.D.



A GOD MOMENT

Today's God Moment comes from an experience I had with our granddaughter, Shannon, who many of you know about. You've been praying for Shannon's husband, Brent, who has colon cancer and is receiving treatment where they live in Austin, Texas.

Shannon's almost three year old son, Jax, was expressing his strong objections to being told it was nap time and not play time outside with his new baseball equipment. He was not happy and made his unhappiness very known to everyone who would listen.

Shannon remained unflustered by his vocal complaints while she finished feeding his new baby brother. As the feeding finished and complaints got louder, Shannon put the baby down and took Jax by the hand, walking him to the bedroom for his nap. When she came back, Jax complained bitterly for what seemed like a very long time. I waited for her next move. As a great grandparent, I have less tolerance for children's cries but I knew that it was her move, not mine. She said to me, "He has to learn"...four simple words that seemed very powerful. She shrugged her shoulders, repeated her words, "He has to learn".. and he gradually stopped complaining. Her simple wisdom was a powerful God Moment for me.

We all have so much to learn about life and God and how to live in this world. We have so much to learn about how to live with each other. We have to learn that aging, no matter what our age, is filled with continuous learning lessons.

Some of our lessons are very hard. Most of our lessons are repeated over and over until we understand. We seem to have a certain amount of resistance to this ongoing process of change. But all of these experiences teach us essential lessons about God and life and the necessity to grow and change. We are willing to learn because someone has "loved us" into the process.

Sometimes we ask why God hasn't fixed a situation or made life better for us. But God's role in our life is to "love us" into new life. Sometimes the process is not what we want and we may complain bitterly about God's inactivity.

But we "have to learn" that God is a constant source of love for us and to look for those God Moments that remind us that God is very much around to teach us how to live.

Gracious and Loving God: You are our source of love and new life and you are constantly teaching us how to live. Fill us with Your presence that we may learn what we need to learn about You and life and how to recognize You in our lives. And we thank You, also, for all our other teachers. Amen.



CHILDREN AND TEEN FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

July has been a time of planning and selecting curriculum. I am excited for this upcoming program year because last year was a great time of spiritual growth, community building and serving. As I look at the array of pictures from last year, I am excited for next year. Here is an overview of the curricula we use as the teachers and I accompany our children on their faith journey.

CHURCH SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL – 4TH GRADE will again use the *Spark House Curriculum*. It is a lectionary-based curriculum that has Bible activities, good discussion questions and helps to identify the moral teaching of the story.

5TH AND 6TH GRADE uses the *Connect Curriculum*. This curriculum looks at one book of the Bible at a time. It has a video, a craft and fun ways to look at the Bible. This curriculum helps prepare the children for confirmation.

FISH - FISH meets Wednesdays after school. This year we will open this after school program to our church school participants and the community. The curriculum we will use is *Love In the Big World*. This focuses on hope, love and kindness.

CONFIRMATION & PYF

Confirmation teachers and I enjoyed using *Collaborate*, a confirmation curriculum that comes with some important questions. Each student is given a student book that has fun graphics and story boards. The teachers meet with the students in small groups and I lead some large group actives about GCC and the UCC.

612 YOUTH GROUP meets on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30. This is a combination of a middle school youth group and PYF, GCC's teen youth group. We are looking forward to utilizing the kitchen to return to making paninis, pancakes and ordering pizza for dinner, our favorite trinity of meals. The adult leaders and I then meet with small groups and talk about the week and our faith. We will continue to use *Thinking Theologically*. Some spirited conversation came from this curriculum last year.

PYF also meets on Sundays and we will focus on resilience with help from a curriculum called *Fathom*. Games, fun, fellowship and debate will help us learn and think about how God's Love is resilient and can help us to be resilient. This year we will rotate many activities into the year including service, large group games, cooking and fellowship.





As you declutter from the school year, please consider supporting the **GCC Women's Association Chapter 10 School Supply Drive** going on all summer to benefit the school-aged children's program at **Onward House**. **Onward House** serves lower income families and individuals in the community of Belmont-Cragin, a neighborhood on the northwest side of Chicago. Specifically they are in need of markers, crayons, #2 pencils, colored pencils, notebook paper, folders, glue/glue sticks, scissors, pencil boxes/cases, backpacks and erasers. New or gently used items are appreciated. Look for collection boxes by the church office starting June 30. Supplies will be collected through Sunday August 18. An **Amazon Wish List** has been created for **Onward House** if you prefer to shop online (https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2ZSLQX2NP77F?ref_=wl_share). Please contact Jessica Greve at grevejess@gmail.com for more information. Thank you!



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you make
GIVES BACK
to the
Community

Stop by to support your shop on any of the following upcoming dates.

Our summer hours will continue beginning July 9 on Tuesdays 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. during the month of July. We will have new merchandise daily. Cash and check only! Share this with some fellow shoppers! Your shopping is helping others!

HANDS OF PEACE

We are pleased to announce that **Hands of Peace** is returning to the Glenview Community Church as it enters its 17th Summer Program. In 2003, **Hands of Peace** welcomed its first group of Israeli, Palestinian, and American youth to Glenview. The goal was to begin dialogue as a courageous and principled response to the religious, cultural, and political divisions that came as a result of 9/11. Now, sixteen summers later and with over 600 alumni spread around the world, **Hands of Peace** is part of a global movement aimed at empowering youth as leaders of change. With the help of our dedicated volunteers, many of whom attend GCC, **Hands of Peace** alumni are pursuing peace through their professions, volunteerism, activism, and community engagement.

You can hear from more alumni by going to www.handspeace.org. Explore the **Voices of HOP** section under **News and Events**, watch **Participant Films** made during the summer program, and read **Alumni Stories** about what they are doing now.

This summer, **Hands of Peace** will welcome close to 45 participants from Israel, Palestine, and across the U.S. for their intensive dialogue-based summer program. We are calling all GCC members to consider becoming more involved by volunteering throughout the program, attending the **All Family Church** service on July 21 or purchasing tickets to their **Farewell Celebration** at Glenbrook South High School on Sunday, July 28.

A FEW WAYS YOU CAN VOLUNTEER AND HELP

Our teenage participants work very hard in daily dialogue, team-building, and leadership development activities. They build up a big appetite and we need your help! You can help keep them going by donating snacks, gift cards, beverages or underwriting meals during the Summer Program. There are several ways to become involved. For more volunteer opportunities or to donate in kind, contact Chicago Site Director, Darling Kittoe at dkittoe@handspeace.org or 773-562-4279.

ALL FAMILY SUNDAY SERVICE AT GCC SUNDAY, JULY 21

Every year **Hands of Peace** participants attend a GCC service: this year it will be on Sunday, July 21 at 10:00 a.m. Please join the community as four participants will be sharing speeches reflecting on the impact of their programming. Immediately following the service will be a Q&A session led by Rev. Chuck Mize. For more information, contact Chicago Site Director, Darling Kittoe at dkittoe@handspeace.org or 773-562-4279.

HANDS OF PEACE FAREWELL CELEBRATION

Come hear Israeli, Palestinian and American youth share their experiences at the culmination of the three-week **Hands of Peace** summer program. Listen to their stories of hope for the future and how the program has transformed their perspectives on "the other." To reserve your seats visit HandsOfPeace.org.

Join us on Sunday, July 28. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. and the program is from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. The reception (appetizers/desserts) is from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Glenbrook South High School, 4000 West Lake Ave, Glenview, IL

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 11 July 2019		
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga	Narthex
Sunday, 14 July 2019		
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:05 AM to 11:30 AM	Refreshments and Fellowship	Upper Commons
Tuesday, 16 July 2019		
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM	New To You Summer Hours	
Wednesday, 17 July 2019		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	New To You Summer Hours	
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
Thursday, 18 July 2019		
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga	Narthex
Sunday, 21 July 2019		
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC - Hands of Peace Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:05 AM to 11:30 AM	Refreshments and Fellowship	Upper Commons
Tuesday, 23 July 2019		
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM	New To You Summer Hours	
Wednesday, 24 July 2019		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	New To You Summer Hours	
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
Thursday, 25 July 2019		
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga	Narthex
Sunday, 28 July 2019		
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:05 AM to 11:30 AM	Refreshments and Fellowship	Upper Commons
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM	HOP Farewell Celebration/Glenbrook South H.S.	OFF SITE
Tuesday, 30 July 2019		
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM	New To You Summer Hours	

Deadline for the next Broadcaster is **August 21, 2019 by 9:00 AM.**

THE BROADCASTER

Would you like to receive the Broadcaster by email? Just email Tania at tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org and ask her to add you to the eblast list. You will then also receive a Friday note from Chuck and a weekly update of what's happening at GCC.



GIVING GLIMPSE JUNE 2019

The Message, Ministries and Mission of Glenview Community Church thrive because you fulfill your stewardship commitments and make faithful contributions. It is essential that we remain current in our giving and ensure the fiscal health of the church. In the midst of our busy lives, we offer you this update reminder to keep in focus our progress on completing our financial commitments to GCC. This Financial Snapshot will be updated monthly and included in the worship bulletin and Broadcaster.

	YTD	Over/(Under)Budget
Pledge Fulfillment	\$ 455,361	\$24,561
Other Income	\$ 120,392	\$18,238
Expenses	\$ 598,191	(\$94,176)
Net Total	(\$ 22,438)	\$136,975

SUMMARY: The congregation approved the budget for 2019 which defines an operating deficit of \$79,681. Through June we are operating \$136,975 favorable to budget.



SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE FOR HANDS OF PEACE TRIP TO ISRAEL-PALESTINE, MARCH 2020

Have you always wanted to visit the Holy Land? Or maybe you've been before but now you're ready to take a deeper dive into the political realities of this fascinating land. GCC members and friends are invited to join the next **HOP** trip March 2-12 with stops throughout Israel and the West Bank. Our tour will be led by both an Israeli and a Palestinian guide and we'll connect with many HOP alumni along the way. For an itinerary, pricing and further details please contact Gretchen Grad, ggrad@handsofpeace.org or 847-707-7033. Optional extension to see the wonders of Petra, Jordan also available. Don't miss this life-changing adventure!

Join GCC members Christine Foley and CJ Sultz who have already signed up.

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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

REGULAR SUMMER CHURCH HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
SATURDAY: closed
SUNDAY: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Pondering in Silence

It is through solving problems correctly that we grow spiritually. We are never given a burden unless we have the capacity to overcome it. If a great problem is set before you, this merely indicates that you have the great inner strength to solve a great problem. There is never really anything to be discouraged about, because difficulties are opportunities for inner growth, and the greater the difficulty the greater the opportunity for growth. Peace Pilgrim