

CALLED TO CARE COMPANIONS INVITATION TO JOIN

Called to Care is one of the Health Ministries of GCC. Developed by the United Church of Christ in the early 1990's, we have used its excellent training and related materials for over 10 years, as well as monthly forums, to educate and sustain our team of Called to Care Companions. A Companion is commissioned to serve, on a short-term basis, any congregant's need for a compassionate, listening and prayerful companion during a time of transition, illness, grief, loneliness, divorce, or other personal stress. The essence of this ministry is the message of the Good Shepherd as a source of hope, strength and peace, with an ever-present love for each member of the flock.

For several years our Called to Care Ministry has been faithfully and capably led by Patti Thompson and Kathy Tomita, who decided to "retire" from it this summer, and were given a small token of our appreciation at the June Called-to Care meeting. Our Parish Nurse, Marilyn Belleau, will be taking over their responsibilities.

GCC is a church that strongly supports its members ministering, through visitation, to other congregants in need. Perhaps it's time for you to join our Called to Care Companions visitation ministry. In summary, GCC's Called to Care program, which involves:

 Your being given a name of someone from the church that may be going through a difficult time as, for example, selling the family home of 50 years, grieving over the loss of a loved one, illness, divorce, loneliness or other personal crisis.

- Your being asked to visit the same person twice a month to listen and offer support, but not to solve problems.
 Most important in this respect will be letting the member know that no matter what challenge they may face, they do not have to be alone in doing so.
- 3. Your being required to maintain confidentiality regarding your ministering to others in this program.
- 4. Your attending a monthly supervision meeting with other Companions, which may include speakers presenting information on a variety of life issues.

The Pastoral Staff assists with training and is available to provide counseling, information, referrals and guidance to this ministry. We are planning to have a half-day training session for new Called to Care Companions this September.

If you are interested in joining Called to Care Companions or have questions on this program, please contact Marilyn at 847-724-2210 ext. 230; marilyn.belleau@gccucc.org.

Yours in Christ,

Doug

WORSHIP HOURS

Summer worship continues through September 2 at 9:30 a.m. Community Worship on Rally Day, September 9 will begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until May 19, 2013.

WORSHIP SERVICES

AUGUST 19, 2012

9:30 a.m.

Community Worship

Scripture:

Psalm 111;

Hebrew 12:1-2, 12-14a

Sermon:

"A Time of Hope and Promise" **Guest Minister:** Rev. Nina Fockens, preaching

AUGUST 26, 2012

9:30 a.m.

Community Worship

Scripture:

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Ephesians 6:10-20

Sermon:

"Daring To Choose"

Guest Minister: Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds, preaching

SEPTEMBER 2, 2012

Communion and Hymn Sing

9:30 a.m.

Community Worship

Scripture:

Psalm 57; James 1:17-27

James 1:17-2

Sermon:

"The Deception of Passive Faith" Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE

As an update on the Senior Minister search process, we have received and reviewed over 40 minister profiles to date, and our ongoing review process entails regular group discussions, audio and video sermon reviews, visits to neutral pulpits, conference calls, and now even Skype interviews. We have continued to meet at least once a week throughout the summer and often meet two or more times a week depending on conference or Skype call scheduling.

While this may only be a brief description of our diligence in this search process, we want to convey our continued dedication to this job in finding the best Senior Minister candidate for GCC. In our discernment process we have pledged as a group to look beyond outward appearance, beyond age, gender, race, disability, color or even sexual orientation....we are looking at the very heart of each candidate and evaluating them by their merit in ministering to God's word.... and specifically in ministering to God's word at GCC. It's a great challenge to evaluate someone by what is in the heart....it can only be done with wisdom, insight, honest sharing, prayerful time and setting aside prejudice. We are committed to doing this for our process and in a beautiful scripture passage found in I Samuel 16: 1-13, which was pointed out by our Chaplain, Kara Clark, God speaks to us about this very thing in judging and evaluating others:

'....for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' (I Samuel 16:7)

We seek to look on the heart also...

The Senior Minister Search Committee

EXECUTIVE BOARD LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Reminder: Saturday, August 25 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Techny Towers. There will be a retreat in the morning and Executive Board meeting after lunch. Please RSVP to one of the moderators; Dave Aki, Karen Aldrich or Bill Dailey.

MEN'S MINISTRY

End of Summer Fellowship Get Together

Please join us for an evening of games and fellowship on Monday, August 27, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Brad Smith will again host this event at his home. This is always a great opportunity at the end of the summer to catch up with friends and start new friendships by sharing stories and common interests. We will share pizza, appetizers and beverages and there is always a baggo or dart game to join.

Please reply to Alek Jablonski <u>ajablon-ski03@hotmail.com</u> (847)922-6870 or Brad Smith <u>basmith123@yahoo.com</u> (847)525-1662 by Wednesday, August 22, 2012.

HEALING TOUCH

Healing Touch one hour sessions are being donated by GCC member Susan Johnson of *Healing2Mend*. Sessions will be in the GCC Chapel on August 15 and September 20 from 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. There is no charge for sessions. A donation box will be available for those wishing to leave a donation to GCC.

Healing Touch can benefit you by:

Reducing stress, easing acute and chronic conditions, decreasing pain, creating a sense of well being, promoting wound healing, enhancing surgical recovery, supporting cancer care, calming anxiety and depression.

For more information on Healing Touch, go to www.healingtouchprogram.com and view a short, 9 minute video.

To request an appointment email Susan Johnson with your requested time to <u>s.h.johnson@comcast.net</u> or call and leave a message at (847)804-6363.

BUILDING HOURS

The church office hours are now 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The church building is now open and available for scheduling from 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please schedule your meeting or event through the church office submitting a room request form.

60 PLUS

WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON

Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 12:00 noon in the Mayflower Room.

It's exciting to begin another season of our famous 60 Plus Luncheons. Join us for an afternoon enjoying home made soup, bread, and delicious dessert.

Our special guest will be Helen White, coach and personal trainer who teaches at various facilities in the North Shore and also facilitates a weight training class at GCC. She will present ways to continue exercise and weight training for all ages. Some of the best weights may be the can goods you have in your pantry. Come and have fun with us! You're invited to bring a friend as new faces are always welcome.

Need a ride? Call Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse at (847)724-2210 ext. 230.

THANK YOU SUMMER MUSICIANS!

Thank you to our summer musicians who are providing us with beautiful music for worship services from June through the beginning of September:

Andrew Lothian, Dan & Neil Carson, Isabelle Uhl, Ryan McFaul, Katherine Hughes, Kevin Kizer, Debby Shellard, Dale Edmonds, Sue Cunningham, Edie Harrison, Bill Dawson, Sue Newberry, Carolyn Keller, Betsy Martin, Sue Hoffman, Doug McCarthy, Bonnie Dohring, Tom Aldrich, Ariel Detwiler, Russ Hiltz, Mickey Safstrom, Debbie Berg, Karen Aldrich and Allan Ruter

We are very fortunate to have such tremendous musical talents within our own congregation, and are honored that you are willing to share your gifts with us to make our summer worship experiences musically memorable!

Gary Wendt



"FRIENDS OF MUSIC" THANKS YOU!

The "Friends of Music Fund" is where money given to the music program of GCC goes when it is not designated for specific use. It is what affords our music ministry to soar beyond the basic needs covered by our operating budget to the heights of quality we have known and loved for generations. We would like to take a moment to thank all of the people who have donated this past year. Your contributions have allowed us to purchase:

- Organizational supplies for our evergrowing music library
- Choir Robe for our new Director of Adult Choirs
- Music for our Pilgrim Wind Ensemble
- A new printer for the music office
- Lighting for the Bell Room
- Hymnals & music resources for worship planning
- Music notation software for composing and transposing instrumental parts
- Scores for major works
- A water cooler for the Choir Room
- and much, much more!

We are grateful for the continued support and generosity of the Glenview community and look forward to another "season" of music together!

Gary Wendt

MISSION MOMENT

The August 19 Mission Moment will feature Mr. Charles Perry of the Westside Health Authority. He coordinates services for those recently released from prison with employment assistance, advice on re-entry issues, and appropriate clothing. Finding a job is a major problem for anyone with a criminal record irrespective of the severity of the offense. The Community Renewal Society FORCE Project, in which members of GCC's Faith in Action Team participate, is working toward opening employment opportunities for ex-offenders including the sealing of criminal records for nonviolent offenses when the ex-offender has demonstrated four years of responsible behavior.

JUSTICE

Community Renewal Society High Hopes Chicago teenagers are arrested more often at school during school hours than at any other time or place. These arrests result in suspensions, expulsions and incarceration of youth who, consequently, may never finish their education or be able to earn a living. Community Renewal Society, High Hopes Campaign works to convince the Chicago Public Schools to replace many suspensions and expulsions with restorative justice, e.g., early intervention and conflict mediation. The Board has agreed to reduce the minimum length of suspensions to 5 days from 10 and give principals greater discretion in their use. The campaign continues its effort to redirect spending from suspension and expulsion proceedings to building the capacity of schools to implement restorative justice.

VOICES OF GCC



ALL 3RD - 8TH GRADERS

Take your last dip in the pool and plan your last get-away vacation because school and Voices of GCC are almost here!!!

We will be having our Welcome Back Party for Voices of GCC on Sunday, August 26th from 4:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m. in Room 201. If you haven't already signed up to sing this year, please do so with Mrs. Lothian or Mrs. Ornduff. You can find a rehearsal calendar on the church website. I have had fun this summer picking music, planning the year and thinking of some new things to do as well. So come join me on Sunday, August 26 in room 201 and bring a brother, sister, or a friend who is in 3rd - 8th grade and see what we're doing this year in Voices.

Mrs. Shellard

ALL KINDERGARTENERS - 2ND GRADERS

Primary Choir will be starting in room 201 on Sunday, September 16 from 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. A rehearsal calendar is on the church website. Come try choir and "Sing to the Lord!" You can register when you bring your child to choir on the 16th.

Mrs. Shellard

CONFIRMATION

7th Grade Confirmation Registration for Next Fall – Now is the time!

Incoming 7th Grade

Classes have been formed and plans are underway. If you intend to register your child for Confirmation, please do so now. Forms are available in the church office or contact Rev. Keckler.

8th grade Confirmation

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

Confirmation Classes will begin September 16, 2012. Families are invited to Rally Day worship on September 9 at 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Attention all families with children ages nursery through 6th grade:

We have sent emails to our registered families about the upcoming Sunday School year beginning September 16 at 10:00 a.m.

If you have questions or would like to register your children for Sunday School, or if you are interested in helping with our program, please email Chris Calandra at chris.calandra@gccucc.org or Kathy Lifton at kathy.lifton@gccucc.org.

Christine Calandra Resource Coordinator and Assistant to the Director of Children's Ministry

FREE – Foosball table and Air Hockey Table are free for the taking. Contact Pam Keckler if you are interested 847-724-2210, Ext. 224.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

THUR	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex
8/16	11:00 AM	Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm
	6:30 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
FRI	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
8/17	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201
SAT		
8/18	8:30 AM	Building is Open until 1:00 p.m.
SUN	9:30 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary
8/19	9:30 AM	Summer Sunday School, begins in the Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Time, Narthex
	10:45 AM	Bell Rehearsal, Chapel
TUE		-
8/21	7:00 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary & Choir Rm
WED		
8/22	7:00 PM	BSA Troop 156 Meeting, Gym
THUR	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex
8/23	11:00 AM	Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm
	1:00 PM	Alzheimer's & Related Dementias Support Group, Parlor
	6:30 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
FRI	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
8/24	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201
SAT	8:00 AM	Executive Board Retreat, Off Site
8/25	8:30 AM	Building is Open until 1:00 p.m.
SUN	9:30 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary
8/26	9:30 AM	Summer Sunday School, begins in the Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Time, Narthex
	11:15 AM	Joyful Ringers Bell Rehearsal, Bell Rm
	4:00 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201
	4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm
MON		
8/27	9:30 AM	Finding My Spirit, Library
TUE		_
8/28	7:00 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary & Choir Rm
WED	8:30 AM	HOP Mailing, Founders Rm
8/29	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Troop Meeting, Gym

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS AUGUST 22 AT 9:00 AM

PLEASE EXCUSE OUR DUST

Construction has begun on the drainage project. The contractors have begun working by the West entrance. Please be aware that the choir door will be blocked for a couple of days. The West entrance is still accessible but caution should be used because there may be uneven surfaces, construction materials or machinery around the area. When driving in, please use the Prairie Street entrance or the western most parking lot driveway to access the parking lot. Thanks, Jennifer.

RESALE SHOP NEWS

The Resale Shop will be open for our new year on Wednesday, September 5 at 9:00 a.m. Please stop in and see all our gorgeous Fall merchandise and say hello to our friendly staff. Nancy Winans and Martha Fergus are co-chairpersons with Laurie Binstein and Reggie Kljucaric helping.

Our Resale Shop depends on volunteers to keep it running smoothly and profitably. As you know, our earnings from the shop is now our chief funding agency for our many charitable agencies. When you volunteer, you are truly doing "hands-on" volunteer service. In addition to helping a good cause, many of our volunteers find excellent bargains both in fashion and housewares. We are particularly in need of help on Friday & Saturday.

The usual work time is 4 hours, but we are grateful for any time you can offer. Please call Dori Hirsch (847)724-4453 or Email to <u>dori-hirsch829@gmail.com</u>. The Resale Shop hours are 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Thursdays are 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Thanks for thinking of us, shopping with us and volunteering! God bless, Dori Hirsch

IN MEMORY

Long time GCC member, Hud Wirth passed away on July 6, 2012. A memorial service was on July 28, 2012.

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

Long-time GCC member Jean Masters passed on July 18, 2012. Her funeral was held at GCC on Monday, July 30, 2012.

Our sympathy is extended to Chris Clark on the death of his father, Thomas S. Clark, Jr. on August 1, 2012. Please hold this family in your prayers.

A grave-side service was held on August 10 for former member Jane Clavey. Jane passed on June 12, 2012. Our prayers are with Pamela and Philip and their families.

A memorial service will be held for Darina Stanley on Saturday, September, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Please continue to pray for her family.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Micky Johnson, who died on August 12, 2012.

A memorial service will be held at GCC on Saturday, September 8, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

You're invited:

7th Annual Rally Day

Festival and Fundraiser

Sunday, September 9th
11:00-12:30pm
Located on the church grounds

(indoors if inclement weather)

Back again is the very popular cake walk! New this year is music and entertainment! There will also be games, moonwalk, and more!!

Please help us reach our fundraising goal of \$3500!

Make checks payable to one of the following organizations:

Glenview/Northbrook Youth Services
The Night Ministry
Northfield Food Pantry

Mail checks with family name in the memo line to Colleen MacKimm
1557 Brandon Road
Glenview, IL 60025

For every \$20 donated, you will be entered in a raffle for a grand prize!

Lunch will be available for purchase at the event.

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OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

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Gary Wendt, Music & Organist
Stephen Blackwelder, Adult Choir

AFFILIATES:

Marcia Kiraly, Director, GCC Nursery School

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

MYRA LORIS

Get Your Tickets Now For "A CHICAGO STORY" WITH MYRA LORIS.

September 12 in the Mayflower Room, Myra Loris will present Chicago, City of Pestiferous Odors!

This will be an introduction and overview of Chicago today and its early history, focusing primarily on the years before 1850. Dessert will be available at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Loris will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Purchase tickets after worship on Sunday or call Sandy Bradbury at (847)729-9365. This lecture \$15.00. The three lecture series \$35.00.

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RALLY DAY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9



SAVE THE DATE

7th Annual Rally Day- Sunday September 9, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Cake walk, music, moon-walk and more!

Help us reach our fund-raising goal of \$3500

PICK YOUR ORGANIZATION

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