

Broadcaster

August 25, 2010

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

It happens to me every year. I'm cruising along, enjoying the summer-the weather-even when it's in the 90's every day, the altered routine, vacation, opportunity to see family-and without warning I'm suddenly aware "SUMMER IS OVER." And so it is for 2010. However, summer being over is a bit different for us this year. Peggy and I have been tied to the academic calendar since 1953. First, there were all those years (18 for Peggy and 22 for me) when we were students. Then, there were years when our children were students. Mixed in when our children were home and after they were gone were the years Peggy taught school through the last academic year. But she retired from teaching in July. This week is different for us. Normally, Peggy would be setting up her room and meeting a new crop of kindergartners. And I would be working my other job, Peggy's assistant. That's different this year. I suspect there are some things that are different for you from the ending of other summers. Your child may be going to a new school or leaving home and going off to college or to a job. Perhaps a relationship has changed and this is the first fall for that change.

As we move through Labor Day Weekend and set our sites on Rally Day (September 12), the ministry of Glenview Community Church shifts into high gear. Sunday school classes resume as do Confirmation classes with a new group of seventh graders beginning the exciting Confirmation journey. PYF (Pilgrim Youth Fellowship) resumes weekly gatherings on Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m. Music opportunities are in full swing with Joyful Ringer Handbell Choir rehearsing Sundays following worship and Chancel Choir rehearsing at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Voices of GCC, choir for students in the 3rd through the 8th grade rehearse at 4 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. Primary choir for kindergartners through 2nd graders rehearses Sunday mornings. Opportunities to serve at First Harvest (formerly the Good News Kitchen) continue on the first Sunday and third Wednesday

each month. Sign up at the Mission Bulletin Board near the church office. Other hands-on mission opportunities also are available such as working at the Chicago Food Depository and bringing staple goods to church the first Sunday of the month.

Here is what you can anticipate in worship on Rally Day, September 12. Everyone from kindergarten age through centenarians will begin the day at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The Children's, Chancel and Handbell Choirs will help lead the worship service. Early in the service Sunday school and Confirmation teachers will be recognized and invited to lead their class members from the Sanctuary to their classrooms. What a wonderful way for us to see and thank the host of volunteers who minister with our children and Confirmands! What an exciting way to see and welcome the host of children and Confirmands we have engaged in the ministry of GCC!

Following worship there will be activities for all ages on the lawn including hamburgers, hotdogs, and sandwiches for lunch. Make sure we have your lunch reservations so we can prepare for you. This event is sponsored and supported by Chapter 11 of the Women's Association.

Don't miss the exciting, engaging worship. Don't miss the fun and fellowship. Don't miss the rally. Get into rally mood and join us at 9:30 on Sunday, September 12th. See you in church!

Howard



SUNDAY WORSHIP

AUGUST 29

9:30 a.m.

Scripture:

Psalm 136;1-9, Romans 12:1-8

Sermon:

"The Squeeze Factor"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

SEPTEMBER 5

9:30 a.m.

Scripture:

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, Jeremiah 18:1-6

Sermon:

"Starting Over"

Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

RALLY DAY

SEPTEMBER 12

9:30 a.m.

Scripture:

Exodus 34:29-35, Revelation 1:9-20

Sermon:

"The Message to the Church at Glenview"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

SEPTEMBER 19

9:30 a.m.

Scripture:

1 Samuel 26:17-25, Revelation 2:1-7

Sermon:

"The Weary Congregation"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

GCC BYLAWS CHANGE

At the June 22, 2010, Executive Board meeting the following Bylaws change (in *italics*) was adopted in Article II, Section A, Point 2.

ARTICLE II: Executive Board Standing Committees

SECTION A. NAMES AND MEMBERSHIP

Executive Board Standing Committees shall consist of the following:

2. *Personnel and Ministerial Relations Committee composed of the Immediate Past Moderator, as Chair, plus four At-Large members of the Executive Board, and one member of the Finance Board appointed by the Chair of the Finance Board. All At-Large members will serve a 3-year term with the first two years served during their At-Large appointments to the Executive Board and a third year served after completion of their two-year term on the Executive Board. If an At-Large member is unable to serve the third year, then the Moderator, with Executive Board Approval, shall appoint another member of the Executive Board to fulfill the final year. If the office of Immediate Past Moderator is vacant, the Moderator shall nominate and the Executive Board shall elect one of the At-Large members as Chair. The Vice Moderator shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member. The Moderator may be invited at the pleasure of the chair.*

EXECUTIVE BOARD RETREAT

The Executive Board Retreat is scheduled for August 28th. The focus of our retreat is to assist the Leadership of the Church and the Boards in establishing goals and objectives for 2010-2011 relating to our Long Range Plan. Our Long Range Plan approved by our Executive Board is on page 6. Please review these goals and let us know if you have suggestions that should be shared at our Retreat. Please provide any ideas by contacting:

Lloyd Bettis at (312) 861-4272 or moderator@gccucc.org; Bill Dailey at (847) 724-3563, billcdailey@comcast.net; or Scott Lothian at (847) 724-6710, painless39@comcast.net. We look

SECOND QUARTER STATEMENTS

Second quarter contribution statements were mailed last week. Please take a moment to review your statement to be sure that your contributions have been properly recorded. If you did not receive a statement and/or have any questions regarding your statement or related items, please contact Dale Wittenberg, Church Business Administrator, at the Church office (extension 27).

Cash receipts this last spring and into the early summer have been lower than we normally experience. At June's close, our year to date pledge contribution receipts are almost \$50,000 below budget. On that note, the Church's cash flow will greatly appreciate your periodic pledge contributions. Thank you for your support!

Rob Hevey
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 2Q10 on page 7.

THANK YOU

The gifts of flowers, personal conversations, phone calls, cards, and email messages regarding my dad's death have been uplifting and heart-warming to Peggy and me. The support and care expressed by so many in the congregation have strengthened and encouraged us. Thank you for expressing your care for us so lovingly. Someone has said that being a minister is like being the mayor of a small village. One of the jobs my dad had was serving one term as Mayor of Monticello, Kentucky. One of the things we shared in common was experiencing similar expectations from people and relating with people in similar ways. One of the regrets I have is that my parents, due to health issues, never got to visit Glenview Community Church and meet many of you. I think you would have delighted in each other. Peggy and I greatly appreciate the love and support you have offered us during this time of loss in our lives.

Howard and Peggy Roberts

CALLING ALL WALKERS

The next walk for the GCC Walkers will be on Sunday, September 12, immediately after the single service. We will tour an outstanding Winnetka exclusive neighborhood, a proven "winner" on previous excursions. Any and all are welcome. The walk leader will be Steve Lindell who can answer your queries at (847) 998-6806.

Future walks:

October 10, walk leader, Jim Hunt;
November 14 walk leader, Nan Hinchsliff.

For more information call Pieter at (847) 205-9916. Come, even if you haven't walked with us before.

Opening Day

Wednesday, September 1, 2010 is opening day of the Women's Association Resale Shop for sales, donations and consignments for the Fall/Winter season. With a dedicated staff and volunteer roster, the Shop achieved a most successful year. The hope is that this can continue in the 2010-2011 season so that social services agencies can again be strongly supported through the Women's Association. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Addy Ford at either (847) 998-0906 or addyford@comcast.net. We welcome new volunteers at the Shop and you need not be a member of the Women's Association to volunteer.



Wednesday, September 1, 2010

CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ADVENT LECTIONARY WORKSHOP

All are welcome to attend!

September 23, 2010 - 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. First United Church of Oak Park. Reverend John Thomas, CTS Senior Advisor to the President and Visiting Professor in Church Ministries, will be leading the following workshop titled, "Purple Preaching When It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas". Most preachers have struggled to present the rich theological themes of Advent while doling out enough Christmas cards to keep restive congregations at bay. What's at stake in the annual battle for the soul of Advent? Is Advent worth the struggle? This workshop will include lecture and discussion, exploring Biblical texts, classical prayers, and hymns ancient and modern in order to stake out space for the wild prophets, strange visions, and powerful hopes that inhabit this purple season (www.ctschicago.edu)

Please contact Tracy Sawires at esnstsms@hotmail.com, or (847)832-0063, if you're interested in attending or visit the CTS web site directly at www.ctschicago.edu to register. Cost: \$40 for advanced registration--two weeks prior.



Paper - Please drop off your junk mail, magazines, phone books, office paper, and newspapers in the yellow and green dumpster at GCC. Please do not put plastic bags, cardboard, or any paper with food debris in the dumpster. The paper dumpster is a fundraiser for GCC, so thank you for your continued deposits!

Electronics - Since 1999, the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) has provided electronics recycling programs for residents in its member communities. To assist Glenview residents with collecting old electronics and to ensure environmentally-safe recycling of these materials, SWANCC has developed the Electronics Recycling Drop-off Program to collect electronics on an ongoing basis. Visit SWANCC on their website at www.swancc.org for more information or for questions, call SWANCC at (847) 724-9205.

Glenview Public Works
1333 Shermer Road
Tuesdays: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Only the following items will be accepted for recycling for the ELECTRONICS DROP-OFF PROGRAM:

- Computers – PCs and Laptops
- Computer Monitors
- DVD Players
- Fax Machines
- Mobile Phones
- MP3 Players
- PDAs
- Peripherals (Mice, Keyboards, Drives)
- Printers
- Scanners
- TVs
- VHS Players
- Video Game Consoles



A JUST HARVEST NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

(Formerly known as Good News Community Kitchen)

We've had a great summer with wonderful GCC volunteers serving at The Kitchen. Thank you to all of you who participated. Now we need to staff the fall/winter dates. Please consider volunteering as a group (a Board, a WA Chapter, a family) or, of course, as an individual. Many people get to know other GCC caring people by volunteering at The Kitchen. We gather at 3:30 p.m. on Sundays and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you can help out on any of the following dates, please sign up on the Missions Bulletin Board or e-mail Sandra-Frantz@SBCGlobal.net.

Sunday, September 5*
Wednesday, Sept 15 *
Sunday, October 3
Sunday, November 7
Wednesday, Nov 17
Wednesday, December 15

**The need for these September dates is particularly great.*

Thank you! Sandy



SOMETHING GREAT IS SPROUTING AT GCC

The Rainbow Garden has been a welcome site for the community throughout the summer. Please come in and take a closer look!

The Sunday school children have been harvesting virtually every Sunday and the Northfield Food Pantry has been very excited by our donations. As of August 18, the Rainbow Garden has produced almost 175 pounds of produce and we're still going strong! In August, our Sunday schoolers planted okra and beets and as some crops finish their growing season, we will continue to replace them with other, cooler weather plantings such as lettuce.

TOPP representatives are often stopped during our deliveries by NFP consumers with a smile and a thank you for providing them with something they would otherwise not have. The Rainbow Garden

is 1 of only 4 gardens in our community built with the NFP in mind and the GBS Donation Garden is the only other garden whose total harvest is donated to the food pantry. In addition, the Northfield Food Pantry is the only food pantry in our area that receives and distributes fresh produce donations.

We are also continuing to support the science project that has been initiated by a post doc from the University of Illinois. We expect her to come visit the Sunday school in the fall to share with us what she's been doing and why. Just what is it about those bees?

On August 29 we hope to build a scarecrow with the Sunday school children as a final activity for the summer. We need help dressing our friend so please check your closets! We're looking for a hat, gloves, shirt &/or jacket, pants, and shoes.

The brighter the colors the better! If you are interested in helping our garden grow, please let us know. We are still looking for:

- * volunteers to help water, weed, and tend the plants
- * material donations including quart size Ziplocs & paper lunch bags for our harvest, compost, and stakes
- * financial contributions (please make checks payable to GCC with "Community Garden" in the memo)

Please visit The Organic Pantry Project's website <http://organicpantryproject.org> for more information about TOPP, including a schedule of when TOPP staff will be at the garden.

Questions? Interested in helping out? Call or email Laura Heyser at lcheyser@comcast.net or (847)724-2526.

The Organic Pantry Project Community Garden at GCC





ANNOUNCES SELECTIONS FOR 2010-2011

The Book Club invites all members and friends of GCC to join this stimulating discussion of our 2010-2011 selections. There will be seven sessions led by Isabel Soffer. Cost for her leadership is \$77.00. Bring a check to the first session which meets in the Parlor at 7:00-8:30 p.m. on September 7.

Dates and selections are:

Sept. 7—Old Man and the Sea, Ernest Hemingway;
 October 5—Lark and Termite, Jayne Anne Phillips;
 Nov. 2—Wanting, Richard Flanagan;
 March 1—The Mayor of Casterbridge, Thomas Hardy;
 April 5—Love and Summer, William Trevor;
 May 3—Things Fall Apart, Chinua Achebe;
 June 14—Private Life, Jane Smiley. Questions?

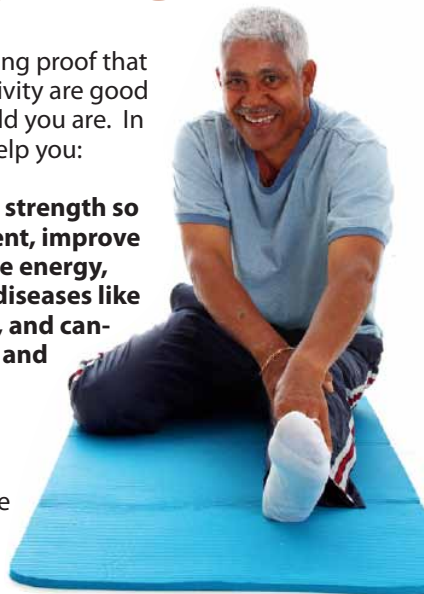
Call Barbara Schwarting at (847)258-5466.

EXERCISE & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY: GETTING FIT FOR LIFE

Many older adults are living proof that exercise and physical activity are good for you, no matter how old you are. In fact, staying active can help you:

Keep and improve your strength so you can stay independent, improve your balance, have more energy, Prevent or delay some diseases like heart disease, diabetes, and cancer, perk up your mood and reduce depression.

You don't need to buy special clothes or belong to a gym to become more active. Physical activity can and should be part of your everyday life. Find things you like to do. Go for walks, ride a bike, dance, work around the house, garden, climb stairs, swim, rake leaves. Try different kinds of activities that keep you moving. Look for new ways to build physical activity into your daily routine. But check with your doctor if you are over 50 and you aren't used to energetic activity. Remember to drink plenty of fluids when you are doing activities.



Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Health Care Parish Nurse

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IMAGES OF GOD



IMAGES OF GOD IN ME



SAVE THE DATE

**Women's Fall Retreat
 September 24-25, 2010
 Cabrini Retreat Center, Des Plaines**

Registration forms are now available in the church office and on the website at www.gccucc.org.

Theme: "Images of Self, Images of God, Images of God in Me" We begin Friday evening and conclude Saturday afternoon. Details are on the forms or contact Rev. Keckler or Marilyn Belleau.

RALLY DAY



SEPTEMBER 12TH

Rally Day is coming on September 12th. It will begin immediately after the 9:30 a.m. service. Food, games, petting zoo and more.

Donations can be made to **Glenview/Northbrook Youth Services, Night Ministry, or Northfield Food Pantry.**

Look for your RSVP in the mail coming soon.

CONFIRMATION

Classes begin on Rally Day, September 12. Come to worship in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. Each class will be dismissed there and conclude in their own room. Final details will be sent to all parents the end of August.

Save the date: September 26 at 9:00 a.m. "Confirmation Chaos." Parents will meet with Rev. Keckler from 9-9:30 a.m. while confirmands participate in various activities, ending with devotions and dismissal at 10:30 a.m.

EMBRACE THE VISION LIVE THE MISSION

GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH Long Range Goals and Objectives

VISION: To be a strong community of Christian faith that welcomes and engages all people in personal and spiritual growth

MISSION: Learning, Loving and Serving in God's name

- I. **Engage Members** – Increase involvement of all age groups to foster greater personal and spiritual growth.
 1. Create opportunities for education for ALL age groups
 2. Create opportunities for personal and spiritual growth
 3. Create opportunities for intergenerational service to each other and the wider community

- II. **Extend Mission** – Extend ministry and missions outreach to maximize the church's impact on congregational, local and national/international communities.
 1. Enhance outreach to the congregation
 2. Enhance outreach to the local community
 3. Enhance outreach to national/international communities

- III. **Expand Membership** – Strengthen the Church's identity to retain and expand our faith community.
 1. Create GCC presence in all media
 2. Strengthen and expand external personal networks
 3. Strengthen and expand internal personal networks

- IV. **Achieve Financial Stability** – Support ministry and missions with generosity and abundance to achieve long-term financial stability.
 1. Develop a financial plan to support the identified ministries
 2. Balance the annual operating plan and provide quarterly updates
 3. Build the capital reserve

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 2Q10

Glenview Community Church
Glenview, Illinois

Total Pledge collections YTD June 2010 (defined as Current Pledges, Non-Pledges, Pledge Overage, and Prior Year Pledges) totaled \$477,055 compared to a budget of \$520,800. These four revenue lines are shown separately below. Comparatively, Total Pledge collections YTD June 2009 totaled \$609,399 with a budget of \$513,009.

Expenses tracked well to budget in all departments. The major expense categories are shown below.

Expenses exceeded Revenues for YTD June 2010 by \$6,744.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over / (Under)</u>
<u>Revenues</u>			
Current Pledges	\$ 430,178	\$ 480,000	(\$ 49,822)
Non-Pledges	34,528	23,000	11,528
Pledge Overage	2,399	7,800	(5,401)
Prior Year Pledges	9,950	10,000	(50)
Missions	8,617	10,600	(1,983)
All Other	<u>59,864</u>	<u>49,755</u>	<u>10,109</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 545,536	\$ 581,155	(\$ 35,619)
<u>Expenses</u>			
Pastoral	\$ 145,273	\$ 145,638	(\$ 365)
Administration	89,042	96,559	(7,517)
Property	132,158	150,735	(18,577)
Mission Board	55,405	57,388	(1,983)
All Other Boards	116,470	119,942	(3,472)
Capital Reserve	<u>13,932</u>	<u>13,932</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 552,280	\$ 584,194	(\$ 31,914)
Net Revenue (Expenses)	(\$ 6,744)	(\$ 3,039)	
General Reserve – 6/30/10	(\$ 5,642)		
Capital Reserve – 6/30/10	\$ 248,774		

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Ministerial Staff

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts, *Senior Minister*
Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Minister for Spiritual Formation*

Directors:

Marilyn Belleau, *RN, Health Ministry*
Kathy Lifton, *Children's Ministry*
Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, *Youth Ministry*
Debby Shellard, *Children's Choirs*
Gary Wendt, *Organist, Instrumental Music*
Andrew Lewis, *Adult Choir*

Affiliates:

Marcia Kiraly, *Director, GCC Nursery School*
Barbara Thewis, *Manager, Resale Shop*

AT A GLANCE

Thu 8-26	no meetings scheduled	Mon 8-30	12:00 pm	GCC Career Networking, Plymouth Rm
Fri 8-27	9:30 am Resale Shop Meeting, Parlor 8:00 pm AA, Parlor 8:00 pm Al-Anon, Rm 201	Tues 8-31	7:00 pm	Confirmation Teacher Mtg., Youth Rm
Sat 8-28	8:30 am Leadership Retreat - Off site	Wed 9-1	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Music Board, Rm 201 BSA Troop 156, Gym, Mayflower Rm Venture Crew, Rm 210
Sun 8-29	9:30 am Worship, Sanctuary 10:30 am Fellowship Hour, Narthex 10:30 am Membership Board Mtg., Parlor 10:45 am Bell Rehearsal, Bell Rm 4:00 pm PYF, Youth Rm 4:00 pm Voices of GCC, Rm 201			

PASTORAL CARE

Mary Hanscom, a member of GCC for 66 years, died on August 9. The family is planning a private service for some time in September. Please keep the family of Mary Hanscom in your prayers.

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