

LUXURIATING IN GOD'S ABUNDANCE

"I came that **they** might have life, and have it abundantly."

There was an online discussion recently – someone in our group asked what to do when she can only see a dwindling amount in the bank account. She is confident that the steps she has taken to build her business will pay off, but what should she do with the anxiety that is beginning to mount. The conversation was fascinating. What began to emerge was a long list of things to shift her attention: Things to enjoy, savor, to partake in that were of little cost, or free. A walk by the lake, sitting looking over the river, reading a new library book, writing a note of encouragement or thanks to a friend, savoring a cup of tea with "the good dishes" while listening to a favorite CD that had not been heard in a long, long time. The result was the ability to view the world with a renewed sense of possibility.

One of the functions of the church is to shift the trajectory of our thinking. Our disciplines of prayer and thanksgiving are not empty rituals. Life's struggles and challenges exist for all of us; there are things in our lives that can seem overwhelming or insurmountable.

So we turn toward faith and the church to find ourselves in the midst of a community that is looking outward. Looking out for one another and looking out for opportunities to expand God's love in the world;

- ...to remind one another that we are not alone,
- ...to confirm that God's love and presence are real,
- ...to proclaim that God's hope and care and possibility for us and our lives are infinite,

- ...to prompt that our source of strength is not limited to our own resources,
- ...to assert that courage is abundant according to our trust.

We need the church to jog our memories that God's abundance is real. We are so rehearsed in saying; "No, we can't", "The resources are limited", "We don't have enough", that our imagination shrinks and our ability to see God's promise is narrowed. We must use our life together in the church to practice saying "Yes." Yes to God. Yes to God's bounty. Yes to the possibilities all around us."

So the challenge is this – for the next week, catch yourself every time you are ready to say "No" "It's not possible..." "You can have only one." "There isn't time." Pause before the "no" and see if you can say "Yes." Let's experiment, and see what happens when we practice saying "Yes" to one another, to God, and to what might be possible in God's abundant world.

Rev. Dale

WORSHIP SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Worship

Scripture:

Isaiah 52:7, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon:

An Evangelizing Church Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

OCTOBER 6, 2013

World Communion

Neighbors In Need All Church Offering

10:00 a.m.

Worship

Scripture:

Isaiah 25:6-9, Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon:

A Feasting Church Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

OCTOBER 13, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Worship

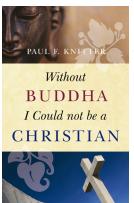
Scripture:

Isaiah 11:6-9, Revelation 21:1-6a Acts 2:14-21

Sermon:

A Dreaming Church Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize





COMMON GROUND

The Adult Education Board will be co-sponsoring the Common Ground programing this fall. Please join us on Friday, September 27, October 25, and November 22 in the Founders Room at 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 Without Buddha I Could Not Be A Christian, Jerrol Leitner

One of Common Ground's most popular speakers, Jerry Leitner will discuss theologian Paul Knitter's enlightening book, in which Knitter explains how his study of Buddhism has enriched his understanding of basic—and contentious—Christian doctrines.



PEACE POLE DEDICATION

Have you noticed our Peace Pole (previously used in Interfaith Services and placed in our Narthex) is now "planted" outside between the office entrance and the West entrance? We will have a Dedication Ceremony on Sunday, September 29 between 12 Noon and 1:30 p.m. You are invited.

> SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 12 NOON AND 1:30 P.M.

YOU ARE INVITED

ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY IN THE CHAPEL AT 9:00 AM Sunday, September 29

A LIVING CHURCH,

Upcoming Sunday morning programs in the "Living Church" series will feature speakers From GCC's Constructive Conversations task force; GCC's Faith in Action Team; noted UCC church consultant, Rev. Anthony Robinson, and CTS President, Dr. Alice Hunt. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel for eye-opening conversations.

WORKSHOP:

Tools for Dealing with Conflict Constructively. Would you like some helpful tools in your toolbox the next time your boss is unreasonable, your teen defies logic or your neighbor is un-neighborly? Attend one or both instructive hands-on workshops: Sunday, September 29 and Sunday, October 6, 9:00 to 9:50 in the Chapel. Sponsored by the Constructive Conversations Committee: Cathy Ach, Debby Fosdick, Gretchen Grad, Rev. Chuck Mize, Bill Ryan, CJ Sultz, John Tillman.



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 13 at 4:00 p.m. will be the official installation of Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize as our new minister! Please join us for this special afternoon service as we mark this new chapter in the life of GCC.

2013-14 GCC MEMBER DIRECTORIES PICK UP YOUR COPY TODAY!

Updated Member Directories are now available in the Church office and, for the next few weeks, in the Mayflower Room after services. If you are a member of a Church board, you will receive your new directory at a board meeting.

A HARP/CELESTE FOR THE SANCTUARY ORGAN

Over the summer months, our Sanctuary organ had some exciting additions and upgrades. We are happy to introduce to you the Harp/Celeste stops. A digital installation manufactured by Walker Electronics and installed by Buzard Organ Company (the builders who crafted and installed our organ 14 years ago), the Harp/Celeste stops are an excellent orchestral addition to our world-class instrument. We are grateful to the Muriel Raymond estate, which last year donated a new sanctuary grand piano, for this generous gift.



In order to accommodate our newest stop, the motherboard for the computer inside the console had to be expanded and new drawknobs crafted in Buzard's workshop. Much like taking off some wallpaper in the house after a number of years, some opportunities presented themselves for improvements to the original design of the console once we started looking closely inside. This additional work is in progress and will hopefully be finished this fall. Special thanks to Buzard Organ Company for offering us a nocost extension of our warranty for another 10 years. With continued curatorship of our sanctuary organ, we will be able to enjoy one of the North Shore's finest set of pipes for many years (if not generations) to come!

We will have a special dedication of the Harp/Celeste stops on Sunday, October 20th during our worship service. An extended postlude will further demonstrate the sound of the stops for those who wish to stay.

Gary Wendt, Minister for Music

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FAITH IN ACTION AT GCC

On Saturday, October 5, 2013, from 9 until 12 p.m., GCC will be hosting Community Renewal Society's Annual Membership Assembly. More than 400 people from more than 30 churches are expected to attend. Rev. Chuck Mize, Rev. Pam Keckler, and various groups from GCC will be participating and volunteering. Community Renewal Society will be celebrating its accomplishments during the last year and presenting its platform for the upcoming year which will include restorative justice issues and an employment campaign. GCC has supported the work of the Community Renewal Society for decades and is thrilled to have been chosen to host this year's Assembly. Please join us -- you will be inspired.

(If you are interested in volunteering please see the sign up sheet on the Missions Outreach Board. A light breakfast will be provided for all who attend or volunteer beginning at 8:30.)

FOOD ON THE FIRST

The first Sunday of the month is coming! Hunger is here, in our community and nearby. Please remember to bring nonperishable food items to share with our hungry neighbors served by Northfield Township Food Pantry and Iglesia San Lucas, a UCC church in Chicago's Humboldt Park, founded in 1976 by Rev. Jorge Morales, with financial help from GCC. Each month, one of these pantries receives our donations. Financial contributions in an envelope marked for the Food Pantry are also welcome.

NEW ARRIVAL

We celebrate with Christopher and Amanda
(Tarkington) Wetterman at



CHANCEL CHOIR WELCOMES YOU!

After a well-deserved summer break, the GCC Chancel Choir has resumed regular weekly rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. My guess is that a number of you have been impressed and probably moved by the choral singing you've heard in worship at GCC. If deep down you've always known that you liked to sing and wanted to be part of a great choir, now may be the time to try something new in your life. Maybe your kids are now away at college and you'd like a new challenge. Maybe you remember the emotional bonds forged in your high school or college choir--- or maybe you're sensing a new understanding of Christ's call in your own life. There are no auditions and all who like to sing are welcome! Just introduce yourself to any choir member or Chancel Choir director Stephen Blackwelder.



SIMPLE GIFTS CONCERT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH AT 3:00 PM EVERHARD ZWART

Everhard Zwart, principal organist of the Dutch Reformed New Westerkerk in Capelle ann den Ijssel since 1987, will perform a program of Franz Liszt and hymn arrangements written by his father, Willem Hendrik Zwart, the organist of the Bovenkerk in Kampen, and his grandfather, the legendary Jan Zwart.

A regular recitalist both in the United States and abroad, Mr. Zwart is also an accomplished accompanist and the conductor of the Rotterdam Church Chorale.

CONFIRMATION

Reminder: 8th grade Parent Information Meeting is on Sunday, September 29 in the Mayflower Room at 9:00 a.m. Refreshments and coffee will be available.

CAN YOU MAKE A VIDEO?

Do you know any young adults with a talent for creating inspiring videos? The United Church of Christ is inviting individuals ages 18-35 to create a short video - 60 seconds or less, expressing how their faith transforms, connects or touches the work. The video creator with most votes on YouTube will win \$5,000.00 and national recognition on ucc. org.

For more information about the contest go to www.ucc.org/videocontest. Deadline for entries is October 31, 2013.

PYF SEPTEMBER SUNDAYS 4-6 PM

September 29:

Mugging—a progressive dinner eaten out of your favorite mug.

October 6th:

Video Scavenger Hunt!

OCTOBER 13TH:

Pastor Mize's Installation 4—5:30; Reception to follow and youth room open afterwards. Counts for trip attendance.

OCTOBER 20TH:

We will be making New Mother Kits for the Night Ministry. Guest Speaker from the Night Ministry

OCTOBER 27TH:

Fall Fun Day! We will have some fun and explore our root theme.

POW THIS FALL!

PYF ON WEDNESDAYS

POW will meet on Wednesdays from 6-8:00 p.m. Every four weeks or so there will be a new unit. Dinner of some sort provided. Come once or come all the time. We will meet in the youth room.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

THUR	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
09/26	7:00 PM	New Member Orientation , Parlor
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
09/27	7:00 PM	Common Ground, Founders Rm
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201
SAT	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
09/28		
SUN	8:45 AM	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Plymouth Rm
09/29	9:00 AM	Confirmation Parent Mtg., Mayflower Rm
	9:00 AM	Adult Education Program, Chapel
	10:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Sunday School, Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour, Mayflower Rm
	11:15 AM	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm
	12:00 AM	Peace Pole Ceremony Luncheon, Mayflower Rm
	12:40 AM	Peace Pole Service, Mayflower Rm
	1:05 PM	Peace Pole Dedication, Parking Lot
	4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm
MON		no scheduled events
09/30		
TUE	6:45 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary
10/01		
WED	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
10/02	1:00 PM	Weekly Bible Study, Parlor
	6:00 PM	PYF Wednesday, Youth Rm
	7:00 PM	Wednesday Night Bible Study, Parlor
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Court or Honor, Mayflower Rm
	7:00 PM	PMRC Mtg., Rm 213
	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 5 & Gym
THU	9:00AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
10/03	9:00 AM	Yoga, Narthex
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
10/04	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201
SAT	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
10/05	9:00 AM	Community Renewel Society, Sanctuary
SUN	8:45 AM	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Plymouth Rm
10/06	9:00 AM	Adult Education, Chapel
	9:15 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201
	10:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Sunday School, Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour, Mayflower Rm
	11:15 AM	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm
	3:00 PM	Organ Recital; Everhard Zwart, Sanctuary
	4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm

	4:00 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201
MON	12:00 PM	Called To Care, Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	BSA 56 Committee, Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	Yoga, Rm 201
10/07	7:30 PM	CSA 156 Committee Mtg., Rm 213
TUE	6:45 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal Rehearsals, Sanctuary
10/08	7:00 PM	Adult Ed Board Mtg., Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	Pastoral Care Board, Library
WED	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
10/09	9:00 AM	GCC Garden Committee, Parlor
	11:00 AM	Healing Touch - by appointment, Library
	1:00 PM	Weekly Bible Study, Parlor
	6:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Mayflower Rm & Gym
	7:00 PM	Weekly Bible Study, Parlor
	7:00 PM	Music Board Mtg., Music Office
	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 5 & Gym

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS OCTOBER 2, 2013 AT 9:00 AM

OUR MINISTRY STAFF

Since we began our ministry together as pastor and people in the Glenview Community Church on March 1, our ministry staff has experienced several changes. First, in conversation with the Executive Board, Pam Keckler's and my titles changed to Pastor and Senior Pastor, respectively, to emphasize our specific roles in the common ministry of Jesus to which we are all called as Christians. Second, on June 1st, Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini who had served as our part-time Youth Director since 2007 became our full-time Minister of Youth and Children. With Elizabeth's leadership and a number of new initiatives, our Church School is pulsing with an exciting vitality and an infectious spirit that we're treated to each Sunday in worship where our children now begin their Sunday mornings with us instead of in their own separate worship service. And, finally, the Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds also began her tenure on our staff on June 1st, serving as our Interim Coordinator of Congregational Care following Marilyn Belleau's retirement after 27 years of service to GCC. Especially after a long pastorate, a period for reflection and evaluation is of great value for the church. Though Marilyn was not a pastor of GCC in the narrow sense, so much of her ministry was pastoral. And her 27-year tenure is the longest in GCC's history! In this interim, Dale is both continuing the valuable programs of the Parish Nurse and initiating new ones. Just one example of Dale's creative ministry is the Prayer Cards she introduced to our worship this summer. These cards have helped us to be more personally and intentionally involved in praying for each other. Dale's ministry is giving us the breathing room we need to evaluate and prioritize our ministry staff needs for GCC's present and future ministry, all within the constraints of our financial resources. Please be assured that Dale, Elizabeth, Pam and I are all committed to providing the best ministry possible as we work with you to discern and embrace the future God holds for us.

Chuck Mize

Seeing Beyond

Please Join Us For A Just Harvest's 10th Annual Awards Banquet and 30th Anniversary Gala

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2013

The Adler Planterium Cafe Galileo's 1300 South Lake Shore Drive, Chicago

6:00 PM

Cocktail reception with a cash bar and buffet dinner in the cafe and patio. First floor exhibits open for viewing.

7:00 PM

Welcome to the Universe, a mind-blowing 15 minute tour of our universe in the Sky Theater. Limited tickets are \$5 and will be sold on site on a first-come basis prior to the showing.

7:30 PM

Program and presentation of awards.

Tickets are \$150 each.

Discounted parking at The Adler Planetartium is \$13.00

2013 Awardees

The Winston Garnett and Mary Byrd Award for Service:

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Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, Youth & Children's Ministry Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds, Congregational Care Gary Wendt, Music Ministry and Organist Stephen Blackwelder, Adult Choir Debby Shellard, Children's Choirs Marcia Kiraly, GCC Nursery School Martha Fergus, Resale Shop

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COMMUNITY CONCERTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 3:00 PM

ORGAN RECITAL: EVERHARD ZWART

Principal organist of the Dutch Reformed New Westerkerk in Capelle aan den IJssel. Grandson of the legendary Jan Zwart; pupil of Feike Asma, Everhard Zwart is renowned for his virtuoso interpretation of many great compositions of organ literature.

Admission: A freewill offering will be taken

SATURDAY, **OCTOBER 19** 7:30 PM

SING TO LIVE COMMUNITY CHORUS

"Reflections" - commemorating Breast Cancer Awareness Month Wilbert Watkins, Conductor General Admission: \$20, Seniors/Students: \$15, Breast cancer survivors complimentary. Tickets available online at *singtolive.org* or at the door.

TICKETED EVENT



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