Broadcaster Glenview Community Church

## **Pilgrim's Progress**

The value of many of the biblical stories is how our stories intersect with those stories. As we explore these intersections, we may discover these stories to be valuable resources for our faith development and our spiritual growth. The story of Esau and Jacob is one of these insightful stories.

A rift erupted between the twins, Esau and Jacob, when Jacob received his father's blessing, a blessing intended for Esau. Esau was outraged and threatened to kill Jacob. Jacob left home, afraid for his life, and the brothers were estranged for twenty years. A lot happened in twenty years. Then the opportunity came for the brothers to meet face to face.

Jacob did everything he could think of to appease Esau, but all of it was wasted on Esau. As soon as Esau saw Jacob, he ran to him, threw his arms around him, and kissed him. This aspect about Esau is nearly lost by practically everyone who knows the story of Esau and Jacob. Jacob offered Esau many gifts. Esau brushed all of that aside by saying, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have" (Gen. 33:9). Do you know anyone who ever said, "I have enough"? We are more like John D. Rockefeller. When asked how much money is enough, Rockefeller replied, "Just a little bit more." Jacob insisted and Esau finally agreed to accept the gifts. One impression given in the story is that accepting the gifts was the only way Jacob could have his guilt assuaged. Esau's warm, loving, forgiving acceptance of Jacob was difficult for Jacob to receive. Jacob seemed to have been at a loss, so vulnerable, so much at Esau's mercy.

Esau volunteered to travel with Jacob, but Jacob refused. He offered some of his men to travel with Jacob, but again he refused. How uncomfortable Jacob was with forgiveness and acceptance. How comfortable Esau was forgiving and accepting. Apparently, Esau had worked through his resentment and rage at Jacob. He was able, willing, and even eager to be in Jacob's company. But it never happened. Even though this event of meeting and reconciliation occurred, Jacob and Esau were never really in a close relationship.

I wonder if there are similar experiences of estrangement in our relationships. If we have a relationship that is broken, what did we do to contribute to the broken relationship? What can we do to repair and rebuild the relationship? I wonder how the story of Esau and Jacob can help us.

Howard

### We Want You to Know...

It is important to the pastoral staff that we are available to our church members when they need us. This could include visits to the hospital, home, nursing or rehabilitation, hospice, or wherever the care is given. However, if the Parish Nurse or one of the Ministers is not informed, then we can not do our job as a pastoral team. Please do not assume we have the information. If we are not called by the hospital (which is rare these days) or told by a friend or family member, we have no idea. Remember that one of the ministers is on call 24/7 for a full week. Marilyn Belleau, our Parish Nurse is also available to help you. The pastoral staff meets weekly for updates on our goals, visits, and how we might function better for each of you. We would rather hear from people several times about the same situation than not at all. As members of our church we count on you to tell us.

May God's healing love surround all those in need.

Rev. Pam Keckler

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

Winston Churchill

## Exore

#### October 7, 2009

## SUNDAY SERVICES

#### **OCTOBER 11, 2009**

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Primary Choir Chancel Choir

#### Scripture:

Matthew 6:1-18, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Sermon: "The Daily Needs of the World" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

#### **OCTOBER 18, 2009**

#### **Music Moment**

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

**Chancel Choir** 

Chancel Choir

## Scripture: Psalm 150.

Matthew 7:7-8

Sermon:

"A Win of Astonishment" Rev. Dr. Doug Runnels, *guest minister* Dr. Marcia Van Oyen, *guest organist* 

#### OCTOBER 25, 2009

8:30 a.m.	Bell Choir
10:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir, Bel
	Choir

**Scripture:** Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Mark 10:46-52

Sermon: "No Explanation for Suffering" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts



Through Monday, 9/28/09, 230 pledges have been received totaling \$643,983 for 2010. The same group of members pledged \$577,731 for 2009. That is an increase of 11.5% or \$66,252.

If you have already pledged, thank you. If you have not, please get your pledge in as soon as possible, either by going online to http://www.gccucc.org/ and clicking on "stewardship" along the right side of the screen. Or, just mail in your pledge form as soon as possible.

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2009-2010 Stewardship Board

## Special Congregational Meeting Report

A Special Congregational Meeting to consider whether to accept the recommendation of the Executive Board Personnel Task Force to vacate the position of Minister of Mission and Ministry was held as announced on September 27. Approximately 400 people attended the meeting. The recommendation was accepted by the GCC members by a vote of 194 in favor and 144 opposed. As required in the call letter agreement, 90 days notice has been given to Sally Iberg via a letter delivered to her on September 29. The Moderators and Senior Minister will be working with Sally during the next three months to finalize arrangements and will come to Executive Board for approval of those arrangements.

This was a difficult decision for our congregation and has profound implications for both our church and for Sally. Sally has served us well for the past 6 years and she has made significant contributions to the missions and ministry of our church. Sally has been an important resource for GCC members and their families and has been a representative for GCC to the Chicago Metropolitan Association as well as to the Illinois Conference of the UCC. Plans for celebrating Sally's ministry to GCC are being discussed currently and will be shared with the congregation once they are finalized. We offer our sincere thanks and our very best wishes to Sally.



#### Adult Education Seminar IN THE CHAPEL AT 9:30 A.M.

October 11

The Adult Education Board welcomes Rob Long. Rob, who works in the health care insurance industry, will be offering a presentation on Medicare and health insurance as they are today, and as they may be affected by reform.

Please plan to join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel on Sunday for this informative and timely presentation. Bring a friend!

## **LECTIO DIVINA**

Thursday, October 8, and the second Thursday of each month. Join us for this gently transforming 90 minutes as we meditate on Scripture. We meet in the Sanctuary from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Facilitator: Parish Nurse, Marilyn Belleau, ext. 30



We will be walking in a meadow-like park in Northbrook viewing wildflowers and crossing a bridge over the WF of NB of Chicago River. We will meet at 12:45 p.m. and car pool from the GCC north parking lot.

Call this walk's leader, Christine Scholz, at 847-272-7173, after Oct. 1, with any questions you may have. *All are welcome to walk with us.* 

#### **Job Opportunity** MAINTENANCE POSITION AVAILABLE

Glenview Community Church is searching for a full time daily maintenance staff member. Responsibilities include opening and securing the building, daily cleaning of classrooms and common areas, and minor electrical and mechanical tasks. Send resume to Jennifer Helgren, Facility Manager, Glenview Community Church 1000 Elm Street Glenview, IL 60025 or fax to (847) 724-2213.



**60 Plus Luncheon** Special Program for 60 Plus Luncheon on Tues. Oct. 20, 2009 beginning at 12 noon.

After a soup and bread lunch, church members Anne Deakyne, Mary Anne Peruchini, and Rosalie Amos will share with us their slides, experiences and artifacts featuring their trip to Bhutan. Bhutan is a small Himalayan kingdom sandwiched between India and Tibet. It's a deeply Buddhist land filled with spectacular mountain scenery, monasteries, temples and friendly people in traditional dress. Mark your calendar now and bring a friend.

If you need a ride or have questions, please call Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse at 847-724-2210 ext. 30.

## Flu and Pneumonia Shots at GCC

Outsmart the flu and receive your seasonal flu shot. On Saturday, October 10 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. we will be offering the flu and pneumonia vaccine.

Register at the WEST ENTRANCE and proceed to the Sanctuary where your number will be called.

**Cost:** 65 yrs and older – FREE with Medicare Part B

All others: \$30.00 flu; \$45.00 pneumonia

Questions? Call Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Health Care Parish Nurse at 847-724-2210 ext. 30.

## **Glenview Farmer's Market**

On Saturday, October 10, help support the Glenview/Northbrook Youth Services Holiday Gift Program by purchasing some delectable goodies at the Glenview Farmer's Market, baked by Chapter 7 of the Women's Association! The Holiday Gift program helps less fortunate families provide gifts for their children at Christmas by sharing "wish lists" from the kids with donors. Last year, over 1,800 children were served by this program and not surprisingly, the need is even greater this year. This is an annual project of Chapter 7 and we hope you'll help make this our most successful year ever!

### SAVE THE DATE! GCC BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, November 1

GCC BLOOD DRIVE NEEDS YOU! GCC and Life-Source will be holding its annual blood drive on Sunday, November 1st in the Plymouth Room from

7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. If you are at least 17 years old and weigh a minimum of 110 lbs., we are asking for your participation in this lifesaving mission. Donating blood is safe, fast and easy and the benefit to those in need is priceless. Mark your calendars for November 1st and make it your day to donate blood. Sign up sheets will be available the next two weeks during coffee hour for you to reserve your time. You may also sign up to donate by calling Sally Hicks at (847) 729-3162.

# MUSIE NOTES AND

## **Come Sunday**

"Lord, Dear Lord above: God Almighty; God of love. Please look down and see my people through."

– Duke Ellington (from Come Sunday) – Our postlude from September 27.

Each Sunday through May, our preludes and postludes will be following themes in order to highlight the versatility of our Sanctuary organ. September was "Organ and..." other instruments. From flute to saxophone, classical to jazz, hopefully you got a taste of the variety of sonorities this instrument is capable of. October is Preludes, Fugues and Toccatas month.

The preludes and fugues of Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707), a German/Danish organist, represent the height of North German organ music in the 17th century. He employed techniques of Stylus Fantasticus, a very free method of composing, almost improvisatory in nature, which "showed off" the technique of the organist as well as the beauty of inner harmonies unbound to text or melodic subjects. His music was the foundation for the early compositions of J.S. Bach.

J.S. Bach (1685-1750) reportedly walked 250 miles one way to learn from Buxtehude. His musical output was vast, and is considered to have been the height of maturity of the Baroque style with its intellectual, contrapuntal writing, its technical demands as well as its beauty. While Bach may have walked many miles to hear his mentor, his career took place in a small geographic location compared to many major composers.

Joseph Callaerts (1838-1901) may have beaten Bach in geographic limitation. He lived in Antwerp his entire life. A student of Nicolaus Jacques Lemmons (who composed the famous Fanfare played at weddings here at GCC), Callaerts received 1st prize at the Brussels Conservatory.

For more details on upcoming service music, see our website: www.gccucc.org and click on "service music."

## **Sunday School**

In preparation for their year of study, sixth grade Sunday school students listed the Bible stories they believe they know. Below are some of them: Creation, Adam and Eve plus their child Seth, Joseph and the Technicolored Dreamcoat, Noah's Ark. The Good Samaritan. Jonah and the Whale, Moses, Holy Week and Easter Palm Sunday Jesus riding through the city on a donkey, Christmas, Jesus walks on water, Feeding of the 5000, Abraham sacrifices his son, Dude in the Lion's Den, Hiding boys from death, Abigail and David, Jesus heals, Three men in a fire to test their faith, Queen Esther, Samson and Delilah, Jesus wakes a dead person, Baptism of Jesus, Baptism of John the Baptist, Cain and Abel

## Confirmation

**Sunday, October 11** *Opening prayers at 9:30 in the Plymouth Room.* 

A mission board representative will talk to us about Crop Walk (which is October 18.) Any parents who were unable to attend the parent meetings may pick up information at the bulletin board next to the Youth Room.

**IN OCTOBER, 4 – 6 p.m.** Youth Room *unless otherwise* noted

October 11th Assembling Sack Suppers

**October 18th** Annual Progressive Dinner & Mugging

October 25th

Small Groups; Topic Self – Esteem. Large Group Fellowship Activity & Open Gym, Open Youth Room.



As of September 30, 2009

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Michael & Amy Eccleston Greg & Sara Eggleston Bill & Barbara Eich My Faith, My Church, My Commitment response announces Your Faith in Action. We have a record-breaking early response of 248 pledges made so far for the 2010 pledge campaign. The total pledging as of September 30 is \$675,088 which is up 11.09% from the same pledges made in 2009....that's up \$67,347 from 2009!

With heart-felt gratitude we extend a sincere thank you to the following people who have responded to the 2010 Stewardship Campaign with their generous financial support for our beloved church and its good works.

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Pledged commitments constitute more than 85% of Glenview Community Church's operating budget, which is established after the Stewardship Pledge Campaign is complete.

Please respond ASAP. Thank you.

2009-2010 Stewardship Board



John & Carol Winzeler

### GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

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#### **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 p.m.

#### **Ministerial Staff**

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts, Senior Minister Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, Minister for Spiritual Formation Rev. Sally Iberg, Minister for Mission and Ministry

#### **Directors:**

Marilyn Belleau, *RN, Health Ministry* Kathy Lifton, *Children's Ministry* Elizabeth 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

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Thurs	9:00 am	Resale Shop until 5:00 pm, Plymouth Rm	Mon	9:30 am	Finding My Spirit, Library
10-8	6:00 pm	Hands of Peace Meeting, Rm 201		6:00 pm	Pink Angel Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	6:15 pm	Bell Choir, Bell rm	10-12	7:00 pm	Walking Angels, Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir, Sanctuary & Choir Rm		7:00 pm	Finance Board Mtg., Founders Rm
Fri	9:00 am	Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm		8:00 pm	Tableau Angel Rehearsal, Sanctuary
FII	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack Mtg., Mayflower Rm		9:00 pm	Dancing Mary Auditions, Sanctuary
10-9	, ,	AA Mtg., Parlor			
,		Al - Anon Meeting, Rm 201	Tues	6:00 pm	Girl Scout Mtg., Rm 201
	-		10-13	7:00 pm	Pastoral Care Board Mtg., Rm 2110
Sat		Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm		7:00 pm	Adult Education Mtg., Founders Rm
10-10	12:00 pm	Flu Shots, Chapel & Sanctuary		7:00 pm	Properties Board Mtg., Library
Sun	9:15 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm		7:00 pm	Stewardship Mtg., Rm 7
10-11	9:30 am	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Plymouth Rm		7:00 pm	Service & Sacraments, Chapel
	9:30 am	7th Grade Confirmation, Library, Parlor, Rm 210		7:30 pm	Mission Outreach Board, Parlor
	9:30 am	8th Grade Confirmation, Youth Rm		7.5 F	
	9:30 am	Adult Education, Chapel	Wed	9:00 am	Memorial Garden Mtg.,
	9:30 am	Fellowship Board, Rm 213	10-14	9:00 am	Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm
	9:30 am	Leadership Committee Mtg., Founders Rm		7:00 pm	Music Board Mtg., Rm 201
	9:45 am	Primary Choir, Rm 201		7:00 pm	BSA 156 Meeting, Mayflower Rm
	10:30 am	Sunday School Gathering, Rm 201		7:00 pm	Called To Care Supervision, Rms 210, 213 & Upper Rm
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm		8:00 pm	Venture Crew, Rm 210
	11:45 am	Membership Board Mtg., Parlor			
	1:00 pm	Hands of Peace Mtg., Founders			
	2:00 pm	678 Club, Gym & Youth Rm			
	4:00 pm	Voices of GCC, Rm 201			
	4:00 pm	PFY, Youth Rm			

## 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