

# Broadcaster

December 5, 2012

## BE READY!

I just returned home from spending time in Colorado with my family, including two little grand-daughters, ages 5 ½ and 7 years old. They were always “packing up” as they made sure their homework was in their school bags; helping put their lunch together; setting out their clothes for the next day, along with shoes, coats, etc. When I visited their school, they went through the same routine to prepare to come home. I mentioned to the girls that they have a lot of things to remember when they pack up. And they said to me, “Grammy, you always need to be ready!”

With Advent just beginning, it is indeed a time of preparation. We always need to be ready! I hope you have picked up the new Advent Devotional from the UCC Still Speaking Writer’s Group. The title of this year’s book is “Hark!” Hark means “listen” and “that’s a good idea for people who believe that God is still speaking.” As the front cover says, “Hark is more than just a fancy word for ‘listen.’ It’s a word we reserve for calling attention to an event of world-changing significance. It means pay attention, pay close attention...listen well and look carefully, because if you don’t, you just may miss Advent altogether.”

Advent is a “Penitential” season – a time to repent. As author Lillian Daniel says in the first meditation, “Sometimes we forget that (Advent is penitential) and leave all the heavy lifting to that other season of repentance in the church year – Lent. But really, Advent and Lent are both times to examine our lives and the world and ask God for forgiveness. These are the seasons for the prophets to call us on our crazy ways.”

Advent is also a season of “Preparation.” It’s a reminder we need to “clean house” internally. We set aside some moments each day to listen, to meditate, to do that one thing we don’t want to do. It’s a time to prepare our hearts to listen and then move or act as we share our love with others. My daughter, Amy, told me she heard about a young mother who is very ill and has five young boys at home. Amy’s group of moms in their church wondered how they might help, even though no one knew this woman personally. They decided to start an online volunteer sign up to take a meal once or twice a week to this family. Before long, the chart was filled and still, no one had met the mother. They just dropped off the food with a note each time. When the woman realized the outpouring of love from complete strangers in this church, she was moved with such compassion and gratitude. How might we as a church prepare ourselves, listen, and then act to help others in need?

Finally, this is the season of “Anticipation.” Anticipating an event, a holiday, or even a new Senior Minister coming in the spring causes us joy and excitement. We look forward to what the future might bring.

That’s what Advent is all about – as we repent, prepare, and anticipate this holy season and receive the blessed hope of us coming into the presence of God. So let us keep awake this season and remember, as those little girls told me, to always be ready!

Pam

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### DECEMBER 9, 2012 Communion

10:00 a.m. *Community Worship*

**Scripture:**  
Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79

**Sermon:**  
“Make Ready”  
Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

### DECEMBER 16, 2012

10:00 a.m. *Community Worship*

**Scripture:**  
Isaiah 12:2-6; Luke 3:7-18

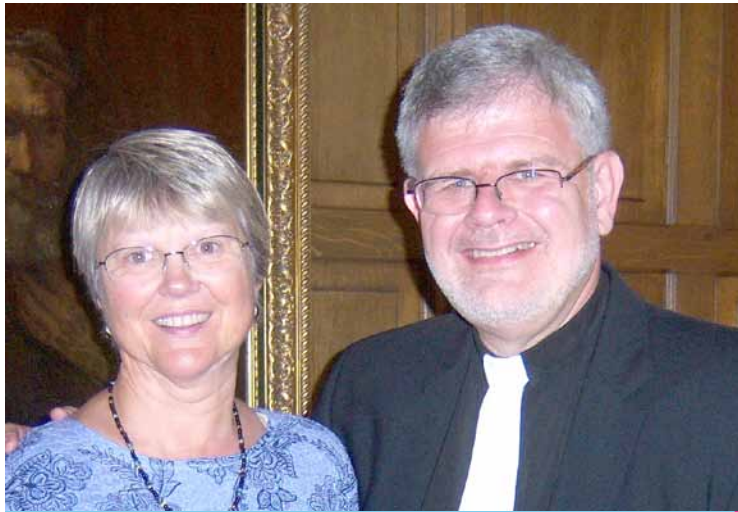
**Sermon:**  
“What Then Should We Do?”  
Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

### DECEMBER 23, 2012

10:00 a.m. *Community Worship*

**Scripture:**  
Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46-55

**Sermon:**  
“Moving with Mary’s Song”  
Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby



## DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF GCC,

The realtor's FOR SALE sign on our front lawn is a vivid reminder that these are not ordinary days for us! Powerful emotions often fill our hearts as we say good-bye to many dear friends and members of Union Church, and our schedules are crowded with the myriad details of our transition to Glenview!

Yet the draining demands of leaving cannot equal the swelling anticipation of coming to you in Glenview and at the Glenview Community Church. We were simply overwhelmed with the graciousness of your welcome on the weekend of November 17-18...a welcome that was a resounding affirmation of the care and the kindness that are so evident in your Senior Minister Search Committee. It was a joy to meet and visit with so many of you at the potluck in the Mayflower Room on Saturday. Worshipping with you in a very full Sanctuary on Sunday was both humbling and inspiring. And your thunderous response to the news that we had each chosen the other for a new

partnership of ministry made our hearts overflow.

Jeanie and I are so very excited about this next chapter of our lives and look forward with great anticipation to its beginning on March 1. As you are constantly in our thoughts and prayers, so we hope that you will keep us in yours. And it could not come in a more appropriate season of advent as we wait and prepare our lives for Christ Jesus.

May God bless and keep all of us in these days of preparing for, and waiting for, and celebrating the incarnation of holy love in human flesh. And may God guide us toward each other – not just through the physical journey that depends on the highway that connects Glenview to Green Bay – but through the spiritual journey that shall connect our hearts with God's gifts of faith, hope and love.

See you in church...on March 3!  
Chuck Mize and Jeanie Bond

## NEW MEMBER CLASS

If you have wanted to know more about Glenview Community Church, now is your chance! We will have an informal new member class on Sunday afternoon, December 9 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.. Come and learn about GCC, the UCC and each other on our faith journeys. We will receive new members in worship on December 16. Please call the office or one of the ministers if you plan to attend.

## 60 PLUS LUNCHEON

**Tuesday, December 18, 2012  
12:00 p.m. in the Mayflower Room**

The holidays are upon us. Let's celebrate with good food, friends and singing! Join us for a delicious lunch of homemade soup, fresh bread and a yummy dessert. We will be singing Christmas carols and have a lot of fun. Maybe even Santa will make an appearance!!!

For rides call Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Health Care Parish Nurse, at (847)724-2210, ext. 230

## LECTIO DIVINA

All are invited to discover the ancient art of Lectio Divina, a slow, contemplative reading of Scripture that enables The Word of God to become a means of our being with God. This form of meditation is facilitated by Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Parish Nurse and will be offered in Room 5 on Wednesday, December 12 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Questions? Call Marilyn at (847)724-2210 ext. 230 or [marilyn.belleau@gccucc.org](mailto:marilyn.belleau@gccucc.org).

## RETURNING IN LATE JANUARY:

### "THE GREAT GCC CHILI COOKOFF"

Turkey, ham, and roast beef, be gone! After weeks of holiday feasting, there's nothing like good ol' chili to bring our palates to their senses, right? Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 27, when the Boards of Fellowship and Confirmation & Youth will host the 2013 edition of "The Great GCC Chili Cookoff." Tickets will go on sale early in January; meanwhile, chili cooks among us should prepare to offer us their best stuff. Stay tuned for details.

## CHRISTMAS EVE

- 4:30 p.m. Family Service and Intergenerational Choir/Primary Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Meditative Service with Communion and Pilgrim Ensemble
- 10:30 p.m. Carols and Special Music
- 11:00 p.m. Celebrative Service with Chancel Choir and Joyful Ringers

## ADVENT DEVOTIONALS 2012

Advent Devotionals are available in the church office. Please pick one up or call us if you are unable to come to church and we will mail you a copy.





## A TOY-FUL CELEBRATION

**Saturday, December 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**

19th Anniversary Holiday Concert to benefit Toys for Tots, featuring soprano Tricia Melzer Swaydrak and a vocal ensemble of two dozen of her GCC friends. Bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. Special appearance by members of the US Marine Corps. Tricia's vocal ensemble will be singing arrangements of holiday favorites.

For more information visit our website at [www.gccucc.org](http://www.gccucc.org) or call the church office at (847) 724-2210.

## Share The Blessings & Joy of the Christmas Season!

Church members can still purchase poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary at Christmas in honor of loved ones. Forms to order poinsettias were recently mailed to you; just return them with your check to the church office. You can also pick up forms at the church office. Each poinsettia is \$15. You may take your poinsettia home after the 11:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve or pick it up at the Elm St. door by the circular drive between 11:00 a.m. and noon on Wednesday, December 26. Alternatively, you can share in an important church ministry by donating your poinsettia for delivery to a church member who is ill or home-bound. Deadline for purchasing poinsettias is Monday December 10, 2012.

## PASTORAL CARE

Our sympathy for the family of long-time member Sue Milligan, who passed away in South Carolina on November 25, 2012.

A Memorial Service will be held for Terry Hicks on Saturday, December 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Our prayers continue for Sally and her family on their loss.



## UCC COFFEE PROJECT

Chapter 19 will be selling Fair Trade products during fellowship hour on December 9th and 16th. We will have holiday baskets for your gift giving needs.

This is a way for our congregation to join hands with communities in the developing world. Your purchase will help small farmers and their families gain more control over their lives, earn a fairer share of income, have access to credit and technical support, and gain a trading partner they can trust. Stop by to see what we have to offer!



## Bring a Touch of Holiday Cheer to Others!

Volunteers are needed to help deliver Poinsettias after Christmas. This delivery is a wonderful way you can reach out to church members and friends who are ill or home-bound. It takes a little of your time, but means so much to those receiving the flowers. You may pick up the poinsettia for delivery after the 11:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve or pick it up at the Elm street door by the circular drive between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Wednesday, December 26. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please call Sarah Koloms at (847) 724-3140. Leave a voice mail if I am not home, and I will get right back to you! Remaining poinsettias will be delivered a local nursing home after the holiday.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday school students will again support the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation, which provides small gifts, new toys, and gift cards for children receiving regular cancer treatments throughout the year in many locations nationwide. The congregation is invited to participate. Last year's collection included hot wheels cars, craft sets, games and puzzles, to name a few. Older children appreciate \$5 gift cards from Target and Walmart to save up for that special electronic item. The collection will continue into January. Consider donating unwanted and unreturnable gifts after the holiday. A mini treasure box will house our collection in Room 201. Look for a large basket in the Narthex.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmands will meet December 9 and 16 for regular opening prayers and class time. There is no class on December 23 or 30, but we'll begin again on January 6. You should be at least half-finished with your written service projects and worship reflections. If you participated in the Pageant, you may write up a service project on what you did and learned.

## 678 CLUB

678 Club (those in grades 6, 7, and 8) will meet on Sunday, December 9 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. to make Christmas stockings for the Night Ministry. Please bring \$5.00 for supplies.

## PYF 4-6 PM YOUTH ROOM

### December 9:

**Mission Project:** Stuffed Stockings for the Night Ministry. Please bring a \$5 donation to cover the cost of supplies.

### December 16:

**PYF Christmas Party:** Please bring a wrapped gift to exchange. (Between \$10-15 dollars)

### January 6:

**PYF Cooks and Eats Together:** Join as we cook and share a meal. Vegan/Vegetarian options will be provided. 4-6pm Youth Room

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

THUR	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 5:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
12/06	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex
	11:00 AM	Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm
	4:30 PM	HOP, Parlor
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
12/07	1:00 PM	GCC Pickleball, Gym
	7:00 PM	CSA 156 Arrow of Light, Mayflower Rm
	8:00 PM	AI-Anon, Rm 201
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
SAT	9:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
12/08	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
	10:30 AM	Memorial, Terry Hicks, Sanctuary
SUN	8:50 AM	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Plymouth Rm
12/09	9:00 AM	Adult Education, Chapel
	9:00 AM	Confirmation Classes, Various Rms
	9:15 AM	Primary Choir, Rm 201
	10:00 AM	Sunday School, Rm 201
	10:00 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Membership Board Mtg., Library
	11:00 AM	Community Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Board Mtg., Rm 213
	11:15 AM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm
	2:00 PM	678 Club, Youth Rm
	2:00 PM	New Member Class, Parlor
	4:00 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201
	4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm
MON	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
12/10	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Committee Mtg., Rm 201
	7:00 PM	Property Board Mtg., Library
	7:00 PM	Faith In Action, Parlor
	7:00 PM	Finance Board Mtg., Founders Rm
	7:30 PM	Mission Outreach Board Mtg., Parlor
TUE	7:00 PM	Service and Sacraments Board Mtg., Rm 210
12/11	7:00 PM	Adult Education Board Mtg., Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	Pastoral Care Board Mtg., Parlor
WED	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
12/12	10:00 AM	Lectio Divina, Rm 5
	1:00 PM	GCC Pickleball, Gym
	7:00 PM	Music Board Mtg., Music Office
	7:00 PM	Children's Board Mtg., Parlor
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Court Of Honor, Mayflower Rm
	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Gym
THUR	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex
12/13	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 5:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
	11:00 AM	Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
12/14	1:00 PM	GCC Pickleball, Gym
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
	8:00 PM	AI-Anon, Rm 201
SAT	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
12/15	9:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
	7:00 PM	Simple Gifts Concert - A Joyful Celebration, Sanctuary
SUN	8:50 AM	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Plymouth Rm
12/16	9:15 AM	Primary Choir, Rm 201
	10:00 AM	Sunday School, Rm 201
	10:00 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Leadership Mtg., Founders Rm
	11:15 AM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm
	4:00 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201
	4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm
MON	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
12/17	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Council Mtg., Rm 213
TUE	12:00 PM	60 Plus Luncheon, Mayflower Rm
12/18	7:00 PM	Executive Board Mtg., Mayflower Rm
WED	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
12/19	1:00 PM	GCC Pickleball, Gym

## THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS DECEMBER 12 AT 9:00 AM

## A NEW YEAR, A NEW YOU

Looking for a way to add balance, strength, and flexibility to your life? Looking for a way to decrease stress? Look to Yoga! With physical postures and conscious breathing, yoga integrates the body, mind and spirit.

Ongoing class on Thursdays,  
9-10 am in the Narthex

### ADDITIONAL NEW CLASS!! Starts January 7, 2013.

Basic Yoga, Monday evenings, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in Room 201.

Dress in comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat. Drop-ins welcome. Taught by Kelly Golding, Registered Yoga Teacher  
Fee: \$10 per class, scholarships available.

Sponsored by Advocate Parish Nurse Program Questions?  
Contact Kelly at (847) 657-1314 or [kellygolding@comcast.net](mailto:kellygolding@comcast.net)



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**OFFICE HOURS**  
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# Simple Gifts

## COMMUNITY CONCETS

**SATURDAY,  
December 15  
7:00 PM**

**A Toy-ful Celebration**

19th Anniversary Holiday Concert to benefit Toys For Tots, featuring Tricia Melzer Swaydrak and Friends.

**SATURDAY,  
December 22  
7:30 PM**

**Do-It-Yourself Messiah**

The Christmas portion of Handel's MESSIAH will be performed in the "Do It Yourself" tradition with the entire Glenview community invited to join in. Led by the Chancel Choir, our GCC soloists and instrumentalists – all accompanied by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra. Stephen Blackwelder, Conductor; Gary Wendt, Organist.

**SATURDAY,  
February 2  
7:00 PM**

**Sing for Their Supper**

Glenview Community Church musicians will perform a variety of vocal and instrumental works featuring repertoire from the Sally W. Clonts Memorial Library. Proceeds to benefit Northfield Township Food Pantry.