

# Broadcaster

December 11, 2013

## ADVENT

Do you remember the days when radios and TVs had to be warmed up? Their electronic wizardry was not accomplished by miniaturized, digitized technology. Instead, it was accomplished by distinct components soldered together: capacitors, coils, resistors, diodes, potentiometers, transformers and vacuum tubes. It's the vacuum tube portion of that circuitry that had to warm up: evacuated glass envelopes that were heated by a little coil inside until they glowed, coaxing the electrons to flow in the right direction. It took several minutes for those tubes to reach operating temperature...and the heat that early color TVs radiated from their dozens of vacuum tubes could have warmed a can of soup for our lunch!

The point is that we had to wait. Then the miracle of transistors...then integrated circuits sent vacuum tubes packing. This new solid state technology was cool (in more ways than one!) because it didn't need to warm up. Waiting was a thing of the past.

Then came the personal computer revolution, and we started waiting again: this time not for these machines to warm up but to boot up. So we learned to wait all over again...not only for our computers to be ready, but for our processors, the internet and our cell phones to respond. With technology, speed is king...and I can hardly wait until my cell phone contract expires so I, too, can own the latest personal communication device equipped with 4G LTE technology.

Waiting. We wait for technology...for the physician...for a train...for traffic...for a sales associate...for our car to be repaired...for our favorite sports team to win...and for Christmas. We even build rooms for waiting, and equip them with magazines, and newspapers, and hot drinks, and bottled

water, and snacks, and a TV to help pass the time while we wait. In this sense, waiting is passive. It's non-productive. It's an albatross on our aggressive schedules. It's killing time.

The name of this season is Waiting. In the church we call it Advent. And, for our faith, it's meant to be very active. Our Advent waiting is active in two ways. First, it is active in its patience. Active waiting for God and for God's promises to be fulfilled means never giving up, never giving in, never compromising, never settling for anything less than peace with justice and mercy with healing for all of God's children. With God there is no gospel of good enough. Advent means never giving up on God and holding God accountable to bring to birth the perfection of love. Second, Advent waiting is active in its persistence. Waiting means participating in the fulfillment of God's promises through the ways we choose to live, and to give, and to work for, and to share God's good news. That means that Advent raises a sweat. It also means that we find joy in the waiting, not in some distantly anticipated reward.

So let us wait...remembering that Jesus is born in Bethlehem...believing that Jesus will be born in us and live through us...trusting that today is blessed because tomorrow is secure in God's love. It's Advent. Let's get our hands dirty in the waiting. See you in church!

Chuck Mize

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### DECEMBER 15, 2013

*Third Sunday of Advent*

#### REPENTING CHURCH

**10:00 a.m.**

**Scripture:**

Isaiah 11:1-10, Philippians 4:4-9  
Matthew 3:1-12

**Sermon:**

Believing We Can Change In  
Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize

### DECEMBER 22, 2013

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

#### DARING CHURCH

**10:00 a.m.**

**Scripture:**

Isaiah 7:10-16, Romans 1:1-7  
Luke 1:3-55

**Sermon:**

Called To Be Saints  
Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize

### DECEMBER 24, 2013

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

**3:30 p.m.**

Christmas Eve Worship for  
All Ages

**7:00 p.m.**

Reflective Christmas Eve  
Worship Candlelight and  
Communion

**10:30 p.m.**

Music of Christmas: Joyful  
Ringers and String Quartet

**11:00 p.m.**

Candlelight Christmas Eve  
Worship



## WOMEN'S RETREAT

Women's Winter Weekend Retreat: January 24-26, 2014. Our program will center on the theme of "Women Daring Greatly." We'll gather at the Wyndham Glenview Suites on Milwaukee Road. Details are in the retreat flyer and registration forms which are in the church office. Questions, contact Rev. Keckler

## GCC NURSERY SCHOOL

Registration for the 2014-2015 school begins now. Currently or past enrolled families need to turn their registration forms into the school's office by the in-house lottery date, Tuesday, January 14 at 9:00 a.m. Open house for prospective families is Wednesday, January 22, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Open registration lottery is on Wednesday, January 29 at 9:00 a.m. All registration materials are online at [www.gccns.com](http://www.gccns.com). Classes are available for children 2 to 5 years of age, with Enrichment Classes throughout the year. Kindergarten Enrichment classes are available for children who are attending part-day Kindergarten programs in their school district. For information, please call Marcia Kiraly at 847-729-1440 or visit [www.gccns.com](http://www.gccns.com).

## BYPASS THE SNAIL MAIL

Sign up for the First Class Broadcaster Delivery Option For 2014. If you are interested in having the Broadcaster delivered to your home via First Class mail in 2014, please send a check for \$12 to the office "attn: Susan Woodsome." Please write "First Class Broadcaster" in the memo line of your check, and make sure the check is payable to Glenview Community Church.

## ADULT EDUCATION

There will not be Adult Education for the following Sundays in December 15, 22, and 29. Sunday Morning Adult Education will resume on January 5, 2014.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

**MOVIE NIGHT: *The Fourth Wise Man*.** Join us at 7:00 p.m. in the Founders' Room. Bring the entire family as Adult Ed Board presents this heart-warming holiday classic. Popcorn and soft drinks will be served. FREE. (No Bible Study this evening).

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

Harry Kraemer, "Christian Values-Based Leadership." Former Baxter CEO, Madison-Dearborn (Investment) Partner and Northwestern Kellogg School of Management Professor, Harry Jantzen Kraemer, Jr. is a dynamic speaker and author of *From Values to Action*. Adult Ed is very excited to welcome Harry Kraemer to GCC for the second time. Harry is a recognized expert in translating imbedded values into successful corporate action. Less well-known is that Harry is a devout Christian who teaches Sunday School and practices meditation and retreat. This promises to be a memorable evening! Harry's book will be available for purchase and Harry will sign copies. All book proceeds support the One Acre Fund, a charity founded by Harry's former student, Andrew Youn, to help farmers in Kenya to increase their crop yields.



## EVERLASTING LIFE

We trust the promise of the resurrection for our longtime member, Donald Alfvín who died on December 4th after a long illness, even as we hold his wife Liz and their family in our prayers.

## THE GREAT CHILI COOK-OFF... IS BACK!

Don't succumb to the winter blahs. Spice things up! Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 26, when the Boards of Fellowship and Confirmation & Youth will host the 2014 edition of "The Great Chili Cookoff." Tickets go on sale in early January. Cooks interested in vying for the prestigious "Best Chili" title should contact Stephen Isaacs at [sisaac3@bloomberg.net](mailto:sisaac3@bloomberg.net) for entry details.

## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Interested in helping the youngest members of GCC? We are looking for caring, adult volunteers to help in our Growing with God room (formerly the Cradle-Toddler room) during our 10:00 service. Our Growing with God room welcomes children 0-36 months. So that we can offer the children consistent, friendly faces, we are asking you to commit to help at least one to two Sundays per month. If you are interested, please contact Denise Morgan at [dmorgan244@gmail.com](mailto:dmorgan244@gmail.com).



## MOMS AND KIDS HOLIDAY GATHERING

Moms and kids are invited to come for cookie decorating and fellowship in the Mayflower room at 10:00 a.m. on December 21. We are encouraging those who come to bring new, warm socks for donation to the Northfield Food Pantry and the Night Ministry. Snacks, drink, cookies and decorating supplies will be provided.

To RSVP or have questions contact Julia Brady Hoexter at [bradyhoexter@gmail.com](mailto:bradyhoexter@gmail.com) or (312) 965-9831



**The 20th Annual  
A Toy-Ful Celebration  
Holiday Concert!**



**A Toy-ful Celebration Holiday Concert**

The 20th Anniversary of "A Toy-ful Celebration Holiday Concert" will be held on Saturday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Mark your calendars for this very special event, as it will be a "passing of the candy cane," so-to-speak. The Glenview Concert Band will be joining the Toys Choir this year and then will carry the tradition forward in the years to come. It will finally truly become the "community event" we've all envisioned. We will continue to open our doors for everyone to join in the fun for this FREE concert. Please come help us celebrate 20 years of heartwarming holiday spirit, wonderful Christmas music and the MOUNTAINS of toys we've all raised for the US Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. It's been a joyful ride for us all and we'd like you all to be part of this special year. Bring your family and friends, and most of all BRING TOYS!!!!!! (New, unwrapped toys, please).

**MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY  
POINSETTIA DELIVERY  
HELPERS NEEDED!**

Plan to help bring Holiday Cheer to a member of GCC who is homebound. We need YOU to volunteer to deliver poinsettias used for our Christmas Eve worship. Call Sarah Koloms at 847-724-3140 to volunteer. If she is not home, please leave a message and she will get right back to you! Or sign up in the May-flower Room after worship on December 15.



*Another Wonderful  
and Joyous Pageant*



Can anyone guess who this might be?



## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

This year's Christmas Offering will support area homeless people in our local communities. Mary and Joseph sheltered in a stable in Bethlehem on the first Christmas Eve. Commemorate that event and help local people in need of shelter with your Christmas offering. Collections in specially marked Christmas envelopes or checks payable to GCC with the memo "Christmas Offering" will be divided equally between two organizations that support the homeless: Connections for the Homeless and Journeys|The Road Home (formerly PADS.) There are more than 3000 cases of homelessness in suburban Cook County. In the Northwest suburbs alone, there are 1,200 homeless people accessing shelters with approximately 400 additional homeless people residing on the streets, in cars and throughout forest preserves.

Connections for the Homeless works to end homelessness by preventing people from losing their homes, re-housing those who already have, and helping each person to reach the greatest possible level of self-sufficiency. By helping people to remain housed, independent, and self-sufficient, Connections improves the quality of life both for those people and for the surrounding community. More than 800 volunteers are an integral part of this mission, supporting staff in their efforts, forming positive connections with program participants, and promoting a more accurate understanding of homelessness in the community.

Based in Evanston, Connections' reach extends across the North Shore and beyond to 31 communities throughout northern Cook County. The more than 1,000 clients of Connections' housing, employment and health services include people who were formerly incarcerated or suffer from mental illness, substance abuse and addictions. More than 50 churches and synagogues and dozens of community organizations partner with Connections to ensure a full range of services to clients. Learn more at [www.cfthinc.org/wordpress](http://www.cfthinc.org/wordpress).

Journeys is a collaborative effort between the HOPE Center and PADS shelter sites focusing on intervention and prevention for those in need. The clinical staff at the HOPE

Center provide a wide array of psychological services, including mental health counseling, vocational rehabilitation, and housing assistance, all geared to helping their constituents achieve independence. Along the way, 19 faith-based emergency shelter sites provide dinners and a safe, warm place to sleep from October through April.

During the 2010-2011 fiscal year Journeys served 1,136 clients through the HOPE Center and PADS sites. The HOPE Center delivered over 26,457 services, and the PADS sites hosted 13,878 overnight stays and served 41,232 meals. The combined efforts of staff and volunteers were successful in transitioning 74 clients out of homelessness and preventing 688 clients from becoming homeless during this past fiscal year. Journeys employees are assisted by a pool of 2,500 volunteers who put in over 75,000 hours a year at the HOPE Center and PADS sites.

Learn more about Journeys at [www.journeystheroadhome.org](http://www.journeystheroadhome.org).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

If you are interested in receiving updates on the happenings in Church School, please send an email to [childrens.gcc@gmail.com](mailto:childrens.gcc@gmail.com). We will not be having Church School December 29.

## FOOD ON THE FIRST

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, January 5, to bring non-perishable food items and paper goods for our neighbors who depend on the Northfield Township Food Pantry. Financial contributions in an envelope marked for the Food Pantry are also welcome.

## FAITH IN ACTION TEAM

GCC's Faith in Action Team invites you to spend a few hours on Martin Luther King Day with Community Renewal Society at Kingdom Baptist Church January 20, 2014. The public meeting will address campaigns against gun violence and other social justice issues. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. For more information please contact Kristine Voelker at [kristinev818@gmail.com](mailto:kristinev818@gmail.com).

## CONFIRMATION

There will be regular classes on December 15 and December 22. No classes December 29 and January 5. After the holidays we'll resume our normal schedule on Sunday, January 12. Call or email Rev. Keckler to schedule any make up sessions during the week of January 6.

## 678 CLUB 2:00-3:30 PM

### December 15:

Christmas Stocking Stuffing for the Night Ministry in the Youth Room: Please bring a donation of \$10 or what you think will be able to give to cover the cost of the stockings.

## PYF DECEMBER SUNDAYS 4-6 PM

### December 15:

Christmas Stocking Stuffing for the Night Ministry: Please bring a donation of \$10 or what you think will be able to give to cover the cost of the stockings. We will also have a special guest to teach us calligraphy for making Christmas Cards & of course open gym and time to have fun.

### DECEMBER 22:

Christmas Party! Please bring a small wrapped gift. Please do not spend more than \$10.

## POW - DECEMBER

POW! We continue to have a great mid-week group. Also we will be using the Lord of the Ring Trilogy movies to discuss the Parables and other Bible Stories. 6 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

*Elizabeth*



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

THUR	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm	8:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting, Rm 201	
12/12	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex	SAT	8:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
	11:00 AM	GCC Working Out With Weights, Mayflower Rm	12/21	9:00 AM	The Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary		10:00 AM	Mom & Kids Gathering, Mayflower Rm
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm		7:00 PM	A Toy-ful Celebration Holiday Concert, Sanctuary
12/13	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym	SUN	8:45 AM	Open Prayers/Confirmation Classes, Plymouth Rm
	7:00 PM	Adult Volleyball, Gym	12/22	10:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	CSA 156 Arrow of Light, Mayflower Rm		11:00 AM	Sunday School, Begins in the Sanctuary
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor		11:00 AM	Fellowship and Refreshments, Mayflower Rm
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201		11:15 AM	Bell Choir, Bell Rm
SAT	8:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym		4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm
12/14	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm		4:00 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201
	7:30 PM	Do-It-Yourself Messiah, Sanctuary	MON	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
SUN	8:45 AM	Open Prayers/Confirmation, Plymouth Rm	12/23		
12/15	9:15 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201	TUE	3:30 PM	Christmas Eve Worship for All Ages, Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary	12/24	7:00 PM	Reflective Christmas Eve Worship Candlelight and Communion
	10:00 AM	Sunday School, Sanctuary		7:00 PM	Music of Christmas: Joyful Ringers and String Quartet, Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Fellowship and Refreshments, Mayflower Rm		10:30 PM	Music of Christmas: Joyful Ringers and String Quartet, Sanctuary
	11:15 AM	Bell Rehearsal, Bell Rm		11:00 PM	Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship, Sanctuary
	11:15 AM	Leadership Board Mtg., Founders Rm	WED		Christmas Day - Building Closed
	11:15 AM	Membership Board Mtg., Library	12/25		
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Board Mtg., Rm 213	THU		Day After Christmas - Building Closed
	2:00 PM	678 Club, Youth Rm	12/26		
	4:00 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201			
	4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm			
MON	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym			
12/16	7:00 PM	GCC Yoga, Rm 201			
	7:00 PM	Properties Board Mtg., Kitchen			
TUE	8:30 AM	GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm			
12/17	12:00 PM	60 Plus Luncheon, Mayflower Rm			
	7:00 PM	Executive Board Mtg., Mayflower Rm			
	7:00 PM	HOP, Founders Rm			
WED	9:00 AM	GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm			
12/18	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm			
	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym			
	6:00 PM	PYF Wednesdays, Youth Rm			
	7:00 PM	Adult Ed - Movie "The Fourth Wise Man", Founders Rm			
THU	9:00 AM	The Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm			
12/19	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex			
	11:00 AM	Working Out With Weights, Mayflower Rm			
	1:00 PM	Dementia Support Group, Narthex			
	6:15 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm			
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary			
FRI	9:00 AM	The Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm			
12/20	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym			
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor			

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Bible Study will be cancelled on December 18. It will resume on January 8, 2014.

## THANK YOU

Our Christmas Market was a grand success for those artisans of SERRVE from around the world. As a result of your purchases, artisans have been treated fairly (fair trade). Women's rights have been promoted, and children are able to be educated. Have a warm Christmas knowing that your \$3,123 not only bought your wonderful gifts but you helped better the lives of others.

You also made a difference with your support of Heifer International. Your donations of \$1,888 will provide 2 cows, a llama, a goat, 2 rabbits, and a flock of chickens for families somewhere in the world.

The above success was possible through the time given by many adult volunteers over the past two months as well as the commitment to these projects given by classes of Colleen MacKimm and Bob McGee.

**THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS JANUARY 4, 2014 AT 9:00 AM**

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**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
August 19, 2013 - June 13, 2014

**PASTORS**  
Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize, *Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Pastor*

**MINISTRY STAFF:**  
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

**SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 14  
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; James Winfield, Guest Organist, Admission: A freewill offering will be taken.*

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