

WHAT WILL BE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR?

It's a New Year - that time when we all try to "do better" as we organize our homes, get back to the gym, perhaps even get back to church. We make resolutions and goals that we're sure we'll complete this time. On January 1st, I asked the congregation at worship what will be different for them this year. For me, that's a more difficult question to answer than to recite my goals. I shared with people one author's thoughts on how to handle "the list." Author Robert G. Allen has an 80/20 theory in time management that he writes on his website. He says to: "1) Focus on the Critical Few – 80% of the things you do account for only 20% of your results, and vice versa. Therefore, only work on the critical things and you'll get there faster and with less effort. 2) Learn how to procrastinate! Procrastination is absolutely essential to your success. Just make sure you procrastinate the right things. Put off the 80% and tackle the 20%. 3) Throw away your to-do list. Create instead an 80/20 list. Write the top priority items at the top in the 20% box. Write the lower priority items at the bottom. Only work on the top of your list. 4) Write out your goals daily. List your five and read them aloud each day. 5) Do a daily Power Hour." (This could involve planning your day, meditate, pray, read or write, exercise.)

These are just some of Mr. Allen's ideas, but I like them. I wonder what would happen if we applied just one of the five suggestions to our personal life and our spiritual life? What would be different? What might happen if we tried just one of the suggestions to our life at GCC this year? What would be different?

God has given us a new day and a new year, all fresh and clean. As another author, Seth Godin says, "You get to make a choice. You can remake that choice every day, in fact. It's never too late to choose optimism, to

choose action, to choose excellence. The best thing is that it only takes a moment just one second - to decide. So, why not be great?"

What would it take to make Glenview Community Church a great church in every aspect? What would draw visitors to worship? What healing might take place as we learn to forgive, to be at peace, to move toward spiritual wholeness in our homes and work place? Or even in the church?

One of my favorite passages from the book of Isaiah (Chapter 43, verses 18-19) says this: "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isn't it exciting to think about God doing "a new thing" in our lives? Are we ready?

What will be different this year? I'm working on my list. How about you?

Happy New Year,

Pam

WARM HEARTS WARM BLANKETS

Thanks to all of you, we have sponsored \$820.00 for warm blankets to be given to youth and adults living on streets in Chicago. In addition, donation of cold weather items - gloves, hats, socks, etc., plus \$28.00 were received. All will be distributed through the Night ministry, a long time GCC partner agency, which provides basic supplies, healthcare and support. Sincere thanks to all who responded to the blanket sponsorship and GCC Mission Tree organized by Chapter 20 of the Women's Association and helpers.

Feeling warm, so will the many recipients.

WORSHIP SERVICES

JANUARY 15, 2012

8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. A Time for Reflection Community Worship

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 John 1:43-51

Sermon: "Here I Am!" Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

JANUARY 22, 2012

8:00 a.m.	A Time for Reflection		
10:00 a.m.	Community Worship		

Scripture: Psalm 62:5-12 Mark 1:14-20

Sermon: "Called to Follow" Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

JANUARY 29, 2012

8:00 a.m.

A Time for Reflection

10:00 a.m.

Community Worship

Scripture: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Mark 1:21-28

Sermon:

"Divine Authority" Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

AT-LARGE MEMBER NOMINATIONS

The Leadership Committee will begin considering nominations for At-Large Members to the Executive Board for the 2012-2013 church year. These members serve a two year term on the Executive Board. In addition At-Large Members serve on the Planning Committee and either the Leadership Committee or the Personnel and Ministerial Relations Committee (PMRC). For a description of this position's responsibilities as well as a description of the committees mentioned above, please refer to the GCC Constitution and By-Laws which can be accessed on the GCC website www.GCCUCC.org under the Resources tab

GCC MEMBERSHIP RECORDS UPDATE

ALL GCC members should have recently received either an email or a postcard to update their contact information. One of the immediate needs for this information is to update our EMAIL contacts for each member. Later this month each GCC member will be asked to participate in a church survey for the primary purpose of input into the selection of our next senior minister. PLEASE LOOK FOR THIS EMAIL or POSTCARD IN YOUR MAIL AND RESPOND ASAP so that we can be as accurate as possible in emailing or mailing your personal survey material. You can return the info via email, mail, or return the postcards to the church office or drop them in the specially marked collection boxes by the Sanctuary entrances.

Thank you all,

The Senior Minister Search Committee *Tom Aldrich, Mike Lauesen, Steve Brown, Michael McGuire, Kara Clark, Pam Reidy Ed Detwiler, Brad Smith, Jane Hund, Sally Thuresson, Chair*

WARM WELCOME

We welcome to Rev. Vertie Powers, who has been called as Associate Conference Minister (ACM) to serve the Chicago Metropolitan Association and our Illinois Conference in 2012. We hope to have Rev. Powers as a guest preacher after she gets settled in her new position.

IT'S A CHILI COOKOFF!

Join us for the *First Glenview Community* Church Great Chili Cookoff on January 29 at 6:00 p.m.! It will be a fun evening of food and fellowship where attendees will be able to taste and then vote for their favorite chili. In addition to fantastic chili, there will also be salad, corn bread, dessert, drinks and buttered noodles for the younger set! Tickets will be on sale during coffee hour on all Sundays in January. Do you think you have the best chili recipe this side of the Mason-Dixon line? Then be one of the chili cooks vying for the hearts and stomachs of GCC members by signing up to participate. For more details, contact Mark Sawires *msawires@sbcglobal.net* or Brian Grad hedgehog61@comcast.net. Sponsored jointly by the Youth and Confirmation and

Fellowship Boards. This is a fundraiser for the PYF summer mission trip. Hope to see you there!



ADULT EDUCATION

JANUARY 15, 2012, 8:50 A.M. How We Became What We are Today OR The UCC, Past and Present

The Adult Education Board will welcome Rev. Dr. Doug Busby as our presenter on January 15 in the Chapel at 8:50 a.m. He will be discussing the history and polity of the United Church of Christ. Starting with the Puritans he will bring us through the actual formation of the UCC and how it functions today. This is a good time for all of us to review and understand our Church as we go through the process of selecting a new senior minister. Please plan to join us and bring a friend or neighbor!

WINTER SALE

The Resale Shop Winter sale begins the week of January 11-14 starting at 25% off the entire store. The sale continues to 50% off January 18-28, 75% off February 1-4 and 90% off February 8-11. New merchandise is put out daily. Don't miss this opportunity to find a great bargin. Our website is *www.theresaleshopglenview.com*.

COMMON GROUND

The GCC Common Ground Satellite Programs return for 2012!

On the 4th Friday of the month, there will be a program from Common Ground in our Founders Room at 7:00 p.m. There will be a \$10.00 donation per person each night with refreshments being served.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

Jim Kenney will present "Three Great Moments of Buddhism" The Mahayana Buddhist tradition (the schools that flourished in Tibet, China, Korea, and Japan) has an extraordinarily rich and complex history, distinguished by over twenty major schools of interpretation and practice. In this presentation, we'll explore three of the greatest teaching to emerge from that tradition.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Jerrol Leitner will present, "I Ate the World -Emerson's Spirituality".

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

Jim Kenney will present, "2012 Campaign Snapshot".



GCC BLOOD DRIVE BLOOD DRIVE SIGN UP ON SUNDAY Please help replenish the Blood Supply GCC and LifeSource are holding its annual blood drive on Sunday, January 22 in the Plymouth Room from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sign up sheets will be available this Sunday and the next Sunday during the coffee hour for you to make your reservation. You must be at least 17 years of age and weigh a minimum of 110 lbs. Please plan to be a part of this important mission for our community. If you have any questions or would like to sign up by phone, please call Sally Hicks at (847)729-3162.

COUNTDOWN TO FITNESS

Get a jump start on your fitness goals for 2012. Join Helen White, Certified Personal Trainer for weight training sessions. Bring a pair of 3 lb. or 5 lb. weights to class where you will do exercises to strengthen and tone vour muscles. Classes meet in the Founders Room three Thursdays, January 19, 26 and February 2 from 11:00 am to 11:45 am. Each class costs \$10.00. Come to one or come to all. Scholarships are available. Sponsored by the Parish Nurse Program. Reserve your spot by sending an email to *helwhite(a)*. <u>sbcglobal.net</u> or calling Helen White at (847)826-2307. You may also call Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse at (847)724-2210 if you have questions.

MUSICAL ARTS INDIANA VESPER CHORALE

Presents: HOLOCAUST CANTATA Songs from the Camps

Sunday, February 19, 4:00 PM

Temple Jeremiah, 937 Happ Road, Northfield, IL 60093. General admission tickets are \$20 and \$15 for students and seniors.

Tickets will be available in the Mayflower Room following Sunday morning services on January 15, 22, 29 and February 5, 12, and 19. You can also mail a check made out to *Simple Gifts to GCC*, 1000 Elm Street, Glenview, IL 60025.

This performance is sponsored by Am Yisrael Congregation, Glenview Community Church Simple Gifts Concert Series, and Temple Jeremiah

WOMEN'S WINTER RETREAT

The annual Women's Retreat will be here soon. We are going to the Marriott Suites in Deerfield on January 21-22. We begin on Saturday morning and conclude on Sunday by 11 a.m. Sign up now and have a wonderful stress-free 24 hours, hear a great speaker, and enjoy good food and fellowship. Forms are in the church office. If you have questions, please contact Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse at (847)724-2210 ext. 230 or Rev. Pam Keckler (847)724-2210 ext. 224.

CELEBRATION AND ACTION ASSEMBLY REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Sunday, January 15, 2012 2:30-4:30 PM

Join GCC members for an action assembly in celebration of the life of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Music and registration is from 2:30-3:00 p.m. and the Program will be from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at The People's Church, 941 W. Lawrence Avenue, Chicago.

Please contact GCC member Pam Riedy for more information about the Program or to discuss transportation via <u>gardenqueen@</u> <u>sbcglobal.net</u>, or (847)998-4746.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

On January 18 at 7:00 p.m., the Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet in the Chapel to talk about plans for the new year. Please mark your calendar. Prayer Shawls are knitted by our members and then distributed by Rev. Pam Keckler and Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse to church members who would benefit by receiving such a special gift.

We're always looking for new knitters so plan on attending.

COMMUNITY RENEWAL SOCIETY

Faith in Action Assembly Please join Governor Quinn for CRS's Martin Luther King Day Assembly at Kingdom Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, January 16, 2012. The Assembly will include prayer, historical witness to Dr. King, and an open meeting with Gov. Quinn, addressing issues in the CRS platform.

Thanks to the many GCC members and friends who signed postcards, urging the Governor to attend. Kingdom Baptist Church is at 301 North Central Avenue, Chicago. If you need a ride, please contact Nancy Mullarkey at <u>Mullarkeyn@hotmail.</u> <u>com</u>.

SAVE THE DATE

February 13, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 5. A gathering of all those women who have experienced breast cancer.

GCC NURSERY SCHOOL

Glenview Community Church Nursery School's registration for Fall 2012 classes is here! Current or past enrolled families in GCCNS need to turn their registration forms into the school's office in time for the In-House Lottery, which takes place on Wed. January 11 at 9:00 a.m. OPEN HOUSE for perspective families is Wednesday, January 18, 2012, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with Open Registration beginning on February 1, 2012. Classes are available for children two to five years of age, with extended day opportunities throughout the year. Kindergarten Enrichment classes are available for children who are attending part-day Kindergarten programs through their school district. For more information, please call Marcia Kiraly at (847)729-1440 or visit www. gccns.com.

CONFIRMATION 8TH GRADERS

Please email Rev. Keckler your height and weight so that gowns may be ordered for Confirmation Sunday. There will be opening prayers and class at the regular schedule time through the rest of January.

ALL CONFIRMANDS

Don't forget to turn in all the service project forms and worship reflection sheets you have finished so far. You should be at the half way mark.

PYF WINTER FUN

SUNDAYS, 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.

JANUARY 16

PYF Cooks! We will cook some good comfort and brain foods to help with finals!

JANUARY 29

We will be helping with the Glenview Community Church Great Chili Cook Off. Money raised at this event will be donated to the Mission Trip. Watch for more details at coffee hour, bulletin and Broadcaster to enter and watch for more details for help needed via email.

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

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BROADCASTER DEADLINES & GUIDELINES Articles to be submitted by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday one week prior to publication dates to Tania McCarthy <u>tania.mccar-thy@gccucc.org.</u>

Keep articles brief to 80 words - no all caps - no centering. Your article will run two consecutive issues.

AT A GLANCE

THUR			MON			
1/12	9:00 AM	Resale Shop until 5:00 PM, Plymouth Rm	1/16	1:30 PM	Finance Board, Founders Rm	
	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex	TUES			
	12:00 PM	Music Revue, Mayflower Rm	1/17	12:00 PM	60 Plus Luncheon, Mayflower Rm	
	6:30 PM	BSA 156 Patrol Leaders Council Mtg., Founder & Mayflower Rms		6:30 PM	Sing to Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary	
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm & Sanctuary		7:00 PM	WA Executive Board Mt., Parlor	
FRI			WED			
1/13	9:00 AM	Resale Shop open until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm	1/18	9:00 AM	Resale Shop open until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm	
	1:30 PM	GCC Pickleball, Gym		9:30 AM	WA Chapter 20, Chapel	
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor		1:30 PM	Pickleball, Gym	
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201		6:30 PM	BSA 156 Mtg., Mayflower Rm, Gym & Founders Rm	
SAT				7:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Mtg., Chapel	
1/14	9:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym		7:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 210 & Gym	
	9:00 AM	Resale Shop open until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm				
	12:30 PM	CSA Pine Wood Derby Workship, Gym				
SUN						
1/15	8:00 AM	Reflective Worship Service, Transept				
	8:50 AM	Adult Education, Chapel				
	9:00 AM	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Youth Rm	PASTORAL CARE Our sympathy to Olga Sente on the death of her husband, Tec			
	9:15 AM	Confirmation Classes, Various Rms				
	9:15 AM	Primary Choir, Rm 201	Sente on December 31. Ted and Olga and family were former			
	10:00 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary	members of GCC.			
	10:00 AM	Sunday School Classes, Various Rms	We remember them in our provers during this time			
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm	wer	We remember them in our prayers during this time.		
	11:15 AM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm				
	4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm				
	4:00 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201				

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