

# Broadcaster

## Glenview Community Church

January 28, 2009

### A Pilgrim's Progress

We are on a spiritual journey together and a major part of my responsibility is to guide us in our spiritual growth, helping us develop spirits of compassion, love, and generosity. I'm concerned about our spirits as we are daily bombarded with messages of a woeful economy and how we permit those messages to affect our spirits, our treatment of each other, and our support of the ministry of Glenview Community Church. It is helpful to keep the vision of our congregation in mind: To be a strong community of Christian faith that welcomes and engages all people in personal and spiritual growth. And our daily mission is learning, loving, and serving in God's name. Keeping our vision and mission in mind as we work together will help us do things that nourish our spirits.

We are a rich congregation. I see this every day. We are rich in friendships and relationships. On a regular basis I see and hear people telling about deep, lasting friendships they have made at GCC and how their involvement in the church has had a significant impact on their lives.

Not only are we a rich congregation but also we are a wealthy congregation. We have \$400,000 trust managed by Chicago Community Trust that provides \$25,000 which the Missions Outreach Board disperses for missions each year. We have \$230,000 in Capital Reserve Fund and more than half a million dollars in endowment funds. We have no debt on the property, building, or furnishings. We are a wealthy congregation and 99% of the congregations in this country would love to be in our position.

We just experienced the most generous November in the history of GCC. In November 2008 we gave \$113,596.00 to support the ministry of GCC. And then we followed that with the most generous December, actually the most generous month in the history of GCC, by giving \$240,639.24 in December 2008. Let's celebrate and give thanks for this tremendous generosity.

In the midst of this wonderful generosity, we are building our budget for 2009.

Currently, we have a significant shortfall in pledges which is causing some to want deep, swift cuts that would affect several staff members. I am concerned that we are permitting the fear of scarcity rather than the miracle of sufficiency control our spirits and thus dictate our thinking, our focus, and our actions. When we are controlled by a fear of scarcity we become tight fisted.

During 42 years of ministry I have served 7 congregations. They have varied in size from 50 members to 1850 members. Of the seven congregations I have served Glenview Community Church is by far the most affluent congregation and the least generous per capita, giving approximately \$511 per member per year.

When the miracle of sufficiency controls our spirits our attitudes and actions focus on ministry, life management, generosity, and being good stewards of our lives. The story of Jesus feeding the 5000 clearly portrays the miracle of sufficiency. (Luke 9:10-17) Jesus was given a gift of five loaves and two fish. Jesus was open-handed. He opened his hands to receive the gift, he gave thanks for the gift, and with open hands he gave the gift away. And everyone had enough and there were baskets full left over. We need to be open handed rather than tight fisted.

When we are tight fisted we become cruel. When we are open-handed we become compassionate. Cruelty diminishes our spirits and our lives. Compassion expands our spirits and our lives. Let's do everything in our power to be people of compassion and a congregation of generous people.

*Howard*

### 1st Sunday Conversations

Some have expressed interest in conversation with the Senior Minister regarding sermons, worship, and other topics. We'll gather in the Founders' Room following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Join us in the Mayflower Room for refreshments and make your way to the Founders' Room for conversation with the Senior Minister.

## Sunday Services

February 1, 2009

### Souper Bowl Sunday

**8:30 a.m.** The Joyful Ringers  
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#### Scripture:

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

#### Sermon:

"No Way To Run A Revolution"  
*Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts*

February 8, 2009

**8:30 a.m.** Voices of GCC  
**10:30 a.m.** Voices of GCC & Primary Choir

#### Scripture:

Psalm 147: 1-11; Isaiah 40:21-31

#### Sermon:

"Source of Strength"  
*Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler*

**Night Ministry Cookie Bake**  
**Mid Winter Congregational Meeting**  
**New Membership Orientation**  
**Pasta Luigi**

February 15, 2009

### Mission Moment

**8:30 a.m.** Women's Choir  
**10:30 a.m.** Women's Choir

#### Scripture:

Genesis: 1:1-23, Matthew 28:16-20

#### Sermon:

"Creation Revisited"  
*Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts*

## New Member ORIENTATION

**FEBRUARY 8TH**

Glenview Community Church will hold an orientation meeting for those considering membership at GCC on Sunday, February 8 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, followed by dinner together at Pasta Luigi. Anyone interested in membership at GCC should contact Linda Binaei, Director of Member Engagement at [linda.binaei@gccucc.org](mailto:linda.binaei@gccucc.org) or 847 724-2210 x 29 immediately. New members will be received during the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, February 15.

## WANTED: GCC Members to Mentor Families

The Membership and Fellowship Boards at GCC are introducing a Mentor Program for new members. The purpose of the Mentor Program is to support new church members by inviting, encouraging and informing them of all that GCC has to offer. With your help we can successfully connect new members to church activities, group outings, or even better, a seat next to you during a Sunday service. If you are interested in being a mentor, please contact Director of Member Engagement, Linda Binaei, 847-724-2210 for more information.

## GCC Nursery School REGISTRATION

The 2009-2010 school year registration is underway. The Open Lottery deadline is February 4 at 9:00 a.m.

Please check out our website at [www.gccns.com](http://www.gccns.com) or contact Marcia Kiraly for information and to schedule a tour of the school!

### A NEW CLASS OFFERED

Sign, Say, & Play® Classes: A series of six classes designed to enable small groups of parents and their babies (6-24 months) learn signs in a relaxed, supportive, and entertaining atmosphere while at the same time being introduced to important concepts from the lead child development researchers in the field, Drs. Acredolo and Goodwyn. Participants enrolled will receive the Sign, Say & Play® Starter Kit. February 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

To register in Sign, Say & Play® class please contact: Jamie Stevens - 847-767-6210 -or- [jbstevens@mail.com](mailto:jbstevens@mail.com). You can also pick-up registration information at GCCNS or visit [www.gccns.com](http://www.gccns.com)

## End of the Year

Giving statements will be mailed directly to your residence at the end of January. Statements are scheduled to be mailed on January 28 and should arrive in your mailbox within 7 – 10 business days thereafter. Watch your mail for your statement.

Dale Wittenberg, *Business Administrator*

## Finance & BUDGET FOR ALL

In order to understand the proposed 2009 budget which will be voted on at the Mid-Winter Congregational meeting, all members are urged to attend a Budget meeting led by the Finance Board on Sunday, February 1 in the Mayflower Room after the second service. Listen, then ask questions and express your views.

Tom Amos, *Moderator*

## MID-WINTER Congregational Meeting

By a vote of the Executive Board, the Mid-Winter Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 8, 2009 at 9:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive reports from the Church Clerk, Church Treasurer, and Stewardship Board; receive nominations for Church Treasurer and Church Clerk; approve proposed changes to the Glenview Community Church Constitution; and, adopt the 2009 Budget.

This notice constitutes the official call to meeting. All members of the church are urged to be present.

## Time to Learn

Like to knit, but don't know how? Join others in a beginners knitting class. These classes will be offered once a week and during the day.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please call Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse at 847-724-2210 ext. 30 or email, [marilyn.belleau@gccucc.org](mailto:marilyn.belleau@gccucc.org) A member of the congregation and expert knitter has volunteered to teach. Have fun while learning!



## An Evening at PASTA LUIGI

**Coming soon  
February 8th**

Here it is, the night you've been waiting for! An Evening at Pasta Luigi, our annual spaghetti dinner, will be presented on Sunday, February 8. Dinner will be at 5:00 p.m. and entertainment features the Singing Waiters and Waitresses of the GCC Chancel Choir. It's an "all-you-can" affair, (more accurately, until-we-run-out-of-food.) Tickets will be on sale at Coffee Fellowship from now until the week before at a discount, or they can be purchased at the door (premium pricing.) They are also available at the church office.



## Lenten DEVOTIONS

Calling all writers – and non-writers—to submit reflections and poems for our 2009 Lenten Devotional Book. This book is a compilation of writings from church members and others which are then used as daily readings during Lent. Our theme for this year is: "Obstacles on the Journey – Things That Get in Your Way." You are invited to write about your personal experiences and struggles on your spiritual journey and what seems to get in your way as you're trying to grow, etc. If you need some more help or want to talk, call Rev. Pam Keckler. You may email your work or put in Pam's box in the office. Deadline is February 2.

## Adult Education

**SUNDAYS 9:30 AM IN THE CHAPEL  
February**

- 1** Nick Bubnovich –the Tale of the Grand Inquisitor from Brothers Karamazov
- 8** No Adult Education—all congregation meeting at 9:30
- 15** Debbie Burdick book review
- 22** Allan Ruter; Hamlet, Huck Finn and the Apostle Paul

## JOIN US!



### Feed One or Feed Many

Glenview Community Church is scheduled for a Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) work session on Saturday, February 14. We will leave Glenview Community Church at 12:30 p.m. and will return by 5:30 p.m. (work session from 1:30-4:30 p.m.). Ages 13 and older are welcome to come. RSVP NOW as we only have 12 spots available.

The GCFD, and the 600 member Cook County food distribution pantries and agencies they serve, are experiencing approximately a 33% increase in demand for food this year so there is plenty of work to be done. Contact Tracy Sawires at [esnstsms@hotmail.com](mailto:esnstsms@hotmail.com) or 847-832-0063 to reserve your spot now.

Thank you from your friends on the Missions Outreach Board.

### Small Group Ministries

Registration for March Small Groups continues through February 22. Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts will offer a Lenten Bible study on Thursday evenings beginning with a soup supper. Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler and Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse, will offer a small group to discuss women in the Bible. Elizabeth Ciccolini, Director of Youth Ministries, will offer a small group for high school juniors and seniors to talk about what comes after high school. Rev. Sally Iberg will lead a discussion of Robert Schnase's book, "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations." You may register at Fellowship Hour following worship. You may also register by stopping by or calling the office at 847 724-2210 or going to our website: [www.gccucc.org](http://www.gccucc.org). For more information, contact Rev. Sally Iberg at [sally.iberger@gccucc.org](mailto:sally.iberger@gccucc.org) or 847 724-2210 x 23.

## Tenth Annual COOKIE BAKE

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

It is hard to believe that we started this very worthy all church project 10 years ago for the Night Ministry.

The Night Ministry, in addition to their shelters for youth, also runs a bus serving homeless and people living on the street six nights a week. Visitors to the bus come for counseling, HIV testing, visiting with a nurse, and always for a hot beverage. As they leave the bus, they



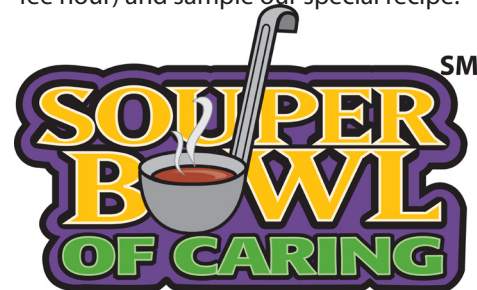
are given a package of three cookies. The cookies mean somebody cares for you. On average they give away about 900 cookies a week! Our cookie gifts mean a great deal to the people who visit the bus. Our church members bake the cookies, and the PYF and 678 club Youth groups put them into packages of three. You can never bake for a more worthy cause. Home made cookies are always greatly appreciated, but if you buy them, Oreos are preferred.

Please bring your cookies to the kitchen by Sunday, February 8, plainly marked for the Night Ministry. They will be packaged on Sunday and delivered later that week. If you have questions, please call Dori at 847-724-4453 or Elizabeth Ciccolini at church 847-724-2210, ext., 33.

## A "Souper" Day on FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

During the 10:30 Sunday School hour on Super Bowl Sunday, the Children's Board and our GCC children (age 4 to 6th grade) will be assembling "Souper" jars. These jars, containing all of the ingredients for Cheese Soup, will then be distributed to customers of the Northfield Food Pantry. To make it even more "Souper", we invite the congregation to visit us in the Plymouth Room after church (adjacent to coffee hour) and sample our special recipe!



**PILGRIM YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

PYF will meet in the morning on February 1. There will be Open House in the Youth Room, Brunch, and a Mission Project from 9 a.m. to noon. We'll also support our PYF Singers who will sing at the 10:30 a.m. service. We plan to once again participate in the annual Souper Bowl of Caring Fundraiser for the hungry. This is a nation-wide program. Listen for the banging pots and pans as people leave after worship and we collect money for the hungry.

*Thanks for your support.*

### PYF

PYF recently enjoyed their winter retreat in Wisconsin skiing, tubing, and enjoying the water park nearby.

Remember PYF-Subscribe@[gccucc.org](mailto:gccucc.org) for the latest details



I am the one for whom God waits!  
I am awaiting the One who is awaiting me.  
Embrace the season of winter with hope.  
It is a good teacher.  
It will lead you to your inmost depths  
Where God is contemplating you.  
*Macrina Wiederkehr*

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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*  
Linda Binaei, *Member Engagement*  
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*

## At A GLANCE

Thurs 9:00 am Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 5:00 pm  
1-29 6:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm, Sanctuary

Fri 9:00 am Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm  
1-30 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting, Room 8  
8:00 pm Al-Anon Mtg., Rm 201  
8:00 pm AA Mtg., Parlor

Sat 9:00 am Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm  
1-31 9:00 am Men's Open Gym, Gym  
9:00 am CSA 156 Pinewood Derby, Mayflower Rm

Sun 8:30 am Sunday School, Room 105  
2-1 9:00 am PYF Souper Bowl Sunday, Youth Rm  
9:15 am Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm  
9:30 am Fellowship Board, Rm 213  
9:30 am 8th Grade Confirmation, Various Rms  
9:30 am 7th Grade Confirmation, Plymouth Rm  
9:30 am Adult Education, Chapel  
9:45 am Primary Choir, Rm 201

Sun 10:15 am Confirmation Closing Prayers, Plymouth Rm  
2-1 10:30 am Souper Day at Sunday School, Plymouth Rm  
11:30 am Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm  
11:30 am 1st Sunday Conversation, Founders Rm  
11:30 am Budget Discussion Mtg., Mayflower Rm  
11:30 am Good News Kitchen, Kitchen  
4:00 pm Voices of GCC, Rm 201

Mon 9:00 am Finding My Spirit, Library  
2-2 7:00 pm CSA 156 Meeting, Parlor  
7:00 pm Pilgrim Wind Ens. Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Tues 7:00 pm Properties Board, Library  
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Wed 9:00 am Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm  
2-4 9:00 am WA Chapter 19, Parlor  
6:30 pm CEMC Rehearsal, Rm 201  
6:30 pm BSA Troop 156 Mtg, Gym, Mayflower Rm  
7:00 pm Venturing Crew, Rm 210

## Broadcaster DEADLINE

Please submit all articles by 9:00 am, Wednesday, one week in advance to publishing via email at [tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org](mailto:tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org)