Pilgrims Progress

The Lenten worship season of personal and collective introspection, confession, and renewed commitment to God begins February 17th, Ash Wednesday. Lent originated as a period of intense instruction and preparation through special prayer and fasting for those candidates who, on Easter eve, would be baptized and who on Easter morn, for the first time, would participate in Communion. Forty is a symbolic, biblical number. The children of Israel wandered in the wilderness for forty years. Moses was on the mountain forty days receiving the Ten Commandments. Jesus was in the wilderness forty days following his baptism, wrestling with temptations. Jesus' wilderness experience has the most significance for Lent.

The mood and intention of Lent are preparation and training. In the first centuries of Christianity, a three-year period of training and instruction were required of those who wanted to unite with Christianity. How about that for a new member orientation class! Eventually, the instructional period for converts was reduced to forty days or less. The practice varies within denominations and within congregations in denominations. Some have instruction during Lent for new members and conclude the instruction with baptism on Easter for those who have not been baptized. Other congregations make no connection between Lent and uniting with Christianity.

On Ash Wednesday from 6-9 a.m., I will be available in the Sanctuary for individuals and families to come for private prayers and Communion. Through the years this has been an important time for many of our members. I look forward to sharing with you. Then, at 7:30 p.m. of Ash Wednesday, we will gather to worship. This is a reflective service that includes the imposition of ashes. Both of these opportunities are helpful ways to begin the Lenten season.

Our Lenten worship services will center

on the theme, "The Lasting Words of Jesus." Jesus never wrote anything, except with his finger in the sand, but many of his words have been remembered. You can find them on the web, coffee mugs, T-shirts, and bumper stickers. It is fairly easy to find Jesus' words in various places but it is more difficult to find people who know what they mean. We will explore some of the words of Jesus that have lasted through the centuries and seek to determine what they mean for us in our time. I hope you will join us in worship each Sunday during Lent.

Howard

Ash Wednesday

The Lenten Season begins Ash Wednesday, February 17. Prayers and communion will be offered for individuals and families from 6-9 a.m. in the Transept of the Sanctuary. With one station available this year, when possible please permit students and their parents to move to the front the line. This will enable students to be on time for school.

Our congregational Ash Wednesday worship service will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This reflective, introspective service includes the imposition of ashes. Please join us for one or both of these Ash Wednesday events.

Jazz It Up Sunday
February 14 is Jazz It Up Sunday at GCC.

February 14 is Jazz It Up Sunday at GCC. It is the last Sunday before Lent. The Red Rose Ragtime Band will provide instrumental music and hymn accompaniment for the worship services. If you want to know more about the band visit their website www.redrosejazz.com. The sermon is entitled "Three C's of Relationships." We'll explore how these C's can jazz up our relationships. Don't miss this unique worship opportunity.

SUNDAY SERVICES

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FEBRUARY 7, 2010

Communion

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. PYF Singers

Chancel Choir and Paul Leddington Wright,

guest organist

Scripture:

Isaiah 58:1-9, Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon:

"Salt and Sight" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

11:30 a.m. 1st Sunday Conversation

FEBRUARY 14, 2010

8:30 a.m. Red Rose Ragtime Band 10:30 a.m. Red Rose Ragtime Band

Scripture:

Ruth 1:1-18, Ephesians 4:25-32

Sermon:

"3C's of Relationships" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

3:00 p.m. New Member

Orientation

5:00 p.m. Pasta Luigi

FEBRUARY 21, 2010

8:30 a.m. Women's Chorus 10:30 a.m. Women's Chorus

Scripture:

Psalm 37:1-9, Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon:

"Jesus' Commitment and Ours" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts



Mid-Winter Congregational Meeting
By a vote of the Executive Board, the

Mid-Winter Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 14, 2010 at 9:30 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; and, adopt the 2010 Budget.

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

Beryl B. Bills, Church Clerk

New Member Class

Our winter New Member Orientation Class is scheduled for Sunday afternoon February 14 from 3-5 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a member of Glenview Community Church or want to learn more about the congregation, please register for the class by calling Jane Payne, 847-724-2210 ext. 25. Childcare is available for young children. Please let Jane know if you need childcare. Following the class all participants are invited to stay for Pasta Luigi, wonderful spaghetti dinner and entertainment provided by the adult choir.



Join us for an afternoon of great soup, dessert, Bingo, and special prizes. This is the day that everyone wins. We ask that you please bring a wrapped "prize" which could be something you have around the house or may have purchased at the Resale Shop. Please limit the cost to a few dollars.

If you need a ride, call Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Health Care Parish Nurse at (847)724-2210 ext. 30.

Altar Flowers

We have openings for altar flower orders for 2010. If you would like to purchase flowers for our altar, forms are available in the church office or Narthex.

OPEN DATES

June 13, 27 October 31 July 4 November 14, 21, 28 August 1, 8, 15 December 12

Devotional Booklets

Lenten Devotional Booklets are available in the church office, Narthex and west entrance for your spiritual readings during this Lenten season.

Meditation in the Chapel

The chapel will be open Monday through Friday from Noon to 6:00 p.m. for individual prayers and meditation beginning February 22, 2010. Enter through the West Entrance.

LECTIO DIVINA

Thursday, February 11 and the second Thursday of each month. This is a unique opportunity to bring prayer and meditation into your life. New faces welcome! We meet from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Facilitator: Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse, ext.30.

Soup & Bread
Save Your Lenten Wednesdays!

Soup and bread will be served each Wednesday night during the Lenten season starting on February 24th and running through March 24th. Each night will begin with a different soup and friends at 6:15 p.m. with a different program following each week from 7:00 -7:30 p.m. Details to follow, but mark your calendars now.

Haiti Relief

The web page that is set up through the UCC denomination to handle Haiti relief donations is: http://www.ucc.org/disaster/ major-earthquake-strikes.html

The mailing address for receiving donations is:

UCC **Global Resources** Wider Church Ministries 700 Prospect Ave.



It's time to bake cookies for the Night Ministry. This year's Cookie Day is Valentine's Day Sunday. This is our 11th year of baking for this most worthy cause.

For our new members, or folks not familiar with the Night Ministry, this organization provides shelters for teen-agers and also runs a bus that serves homeless and street people 6 nights a week. Visitors to the bus come in for warmth, counseling, HIV testing, to visit with a nurse and always are given a hot beverage. As they leave the bus, they are given a package of 3 cookies (I think cookies mean somebody cares about you). On average they give away about 1,000 cookies a week!

Our cookie gifts mean a great deal to the folks who visit the bus. Our church members bake the cookies and the PYF and 678 Club put them into packages of 3 and deliver them. This makes this an all church participating project.

You can never bake for a more worthy cause. Home-made cookies are always greatly appreciated, but if you were to buy coookies, OREOS are preferred.

Please bring your cookies to the kitchen by Sunday, Feb. 14. Plainly mark them for Night Ministry. If you have questions, call Dori Hirsch at (847)724-4453 or Elizabeth Ciccolini at church at (847)724-2210.



We invite you to join the Glenview Community Church Sunday School children as they give their love and support to the Heartland Animal Shelter this Valentine's Day. On February 14th, a representative from the Heartland Animal Shelter will present to the children at the Children's Worship Service. The Children will then participate in "heart-warming" activities including decorating adoption folders and tying off adorable fleece blankets for the animal cages at the shelter.

In addition, from February 14 – 28, the GCC Sunday School will be collecting your donations for the animal shelter. This includes monetary donations (much is needed), towels, newspapers, dog or cat toys without buttons or catnip, canned dog or cat food and more (see the web site below for a full list of acceptable food brands, toy requests, and other needs). Donations may be dropped off in room 201 during and after church services.

The Northbrook based Heartland Animal Shelter's mission is to find permanent loving homes for homeless animals and promote responsible pet ownership through education, community outreach and collaboration while maintaining respect and compassion for all creatures. For more information about the Heart-

land Animal Shelter, please visit <u>www.heart-</u> landanimalshelter.net.

Please have a heart this Valentine's day and throughout February and donate your pet-

> friendly items to the GCC Sunday School Children.

THANK YOU! Family Quiz Night
The GCC Women's Association (Chapter

The GCC Women's Association (*Chapter 7*) invites you to join in an evening of fun at the second annual *Potluck Dinner and Quiz Night* on Sunday, Febuary 28, from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The event is designed for GCC members, visitors and families of all ages. Please bring the following to share, based on your last name:

A-G / salad/side dish H-S / entrée T-Z / dessert

Drinks will be provided.

Additionally, Chapter 7 requests that you bring non-perishable food item(s) or a cash donation to benefit the Iglesia San Lucas UCC and Northfield Food Pantries.

To RSVP for this exciting event, please contact Kim Yagelski at (847)998-4071 or Tracey Noe at tracey.noe@sbcglobal.net.



Treat your avorite valentine to an evening at Pasta Luigi! our annual spaghetti dinner with the Singing Waiters and Waitersses from the Chancel Choir. Tickets on sale during coffee fellowship hours and in the office, through February 10th at a big 25% discount over prices at the door. Get'em while they're hot!

TICKETS:

Adults \$9 until February 10, thereafter and at the door \$12.

Children (ages 4-12) \$4, thereafter and at the door \$6.

Children three and under \$1 at all times.

The choir has voted to split the proceeds from Pasta Luigi. Half will go to the Organ Birthday Fund and half will go to the UCC Haiti Earthquake Appeal (http://www.ucc.org/disaster/major-earthquake-



FEBRUARY

FERRUARY 7 Souper Bowl Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendars. It is not only Super Bowl Sunday but also Souper Bowl Sunday. We will be taking part in a National Campaign to fight hunger. In the morning we will raise money for Good News and in the afternoon meet and go to the kitchen as a group.

OPEN YOUTH ROOM & SHIFTS FOR POT BANGING

Shift 1 9 am - 9:45 am Shift 2 10:00 am - 10:45 am Shift 3 11:15 - 11:50

Good News Outing 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

There is room for 6 youth. Please let me know if you are able to attend. Christine Foley and I will be taking the youth to Good News Community Kitchen.

Adult Education Seminar

IN THE CHAPEL AT 9:30 a.m. February 7, 2010

"In the Bleak Midwinter": A Quartet of Haunting and Haunted Texts

Winter is merely half over, yet Lent approaches resolutely and reassuringly. The Adult Education Sunday seminar will focus on four texts that embrace the meteorological and metaphorical darkness of this peculiar meeting-of-seasons. Each one—a lyric sung by Peggy Lee, a sonnet by G. M. Hopkins, a short story by Ernest Hemingway, and a narrative poem by T. S. Eliot—is marked by haunting language. Each one, in its own way, is haunted by the unseen, un-felt presence of God.

Leading this seminar, which will include interpretive reading and interactive discussion, will be Allan Ruter, longtime teacher of literature and writing in The Glenbrook High Schools. Copies of the texts will be supplied; participants need bring with them only their wits and reading glasses.



GOOD NEWS COMMUNITY KITCHEN UPDATE

A big thank-you to the more than sixty volunteers who served at GNCK during the last year. The Kitchen staff and hungry patrons appreciate your efforts.

I'd like you to know about the behindthe-scenes people who consistently give of their time and efforts to keep this important GCC mission going: Pam Riedy finds time, aside from her very important advocacy effort for Good News, to buy food and to serve when needed. Among the chili cooks who volunteer often are Dori Hirsch, Barb Smith, Carolyn Keller and Sue Hunt. Russell Sorenson, who just retired after more than five years, opened cans for the chili makers every month. Bud Herrmann is replacing Russell. Kelly Golding and Cathy Shapiro pick up donated food on the third Wednesday of every month. The Men's Ministry, led by David Aki and Tom Amos, pick up the donated food on the last Saturday of the month.

Donated food is provided by **Whole Foods**, at the corner of Willow and Waukegan Roads. We are grateful for their generous twice a month contributions of food for GNCK.

Thank-you to all you wonderful people. GNCK mission couldn't go on without you!

We can always use new volunteers. Currently the need is great for the following dates:

WEDNESDAYS

February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19 and June 16 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAYS

April 4 (Easter) and June 6 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Please contact Sandy Frantz for more information or to volunteer: (847)998-6696.

"All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast

BOY SCOUT TROOP 156 Saturday, March 6th

Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. and breakfast will be served until 11:00 a.m. All proceeds support Troop camping and individual Scout service projects. Tickets are \$5.00 each and include a serving of sausage with as many pancakes as you like. You can buy your tickets in advance between services at Glenview Community Church on Sunday, February 20th or Sunday, February 27th. Or you can contact any Troop 156 Boy Scout family. For more information, e-mail bsa156@comcast.net.

You're Invited!!

Saturday, February 6, 2010

If you enjoy music in worship, please join us for a day of workshops, fellowship and singing, focusing on the many aspects of choral, congregational and organ music in worship throughout the church year. Saturday, February 6, 2010 in the Sanctuary-- all day!

Guest Clinician/Composer/Conductor, Paul Leddington Wright will lead us through this wintry day of workshop clinics, culminating in a celebration of church music in Hymn Fest 5: "To Everything There is a Season: a celebration of hymns and songs for every season"—a sing-along concert of hymns and anthems in a musical journey through the church year. For information, contact the church office, Andrew Lewis or Gary Wendt in the music office, or Tricia Melzer-Swaydrak (708)702-0833.



Outstanding Patrons, Beautiful Objects

A presentation based on a selection of artworks from the collection of the Aga Khan Museum.

Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Glenview Ismaili Jamatkhana 100 Shermer Road Glenview, Illinois 60025

Admission to the lecture is free and open to the public

Throughout history, a most significant impetus for the development of artistic culture has been patronage. Patronage of art and architecture has been an integral element in Muslim civilizations also. In his presentation, Alnoor Merchant will discuss how patrons, by attracting celebrated artists to create vibrant and unique styles and themes, promoted an exuberant and dynamic artistic environment extending from Indonesia to Spain. He will also show how the artworks, spanning over a thousand years of history and originating from different parts of the Muslim world, have a context in the faith and history of Islam and are metaphors for humanism and enlightenment.



Glenview Community Church Proposed 2010 Budget as of 01/13/2010

	2007 Actual	2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2010 Budget			
<u>Revenues</u>							
105 Current Pledge Contributions 107 Non-Pledge Contributions 109 Pledge Overage 110 Prior Year Pledge 115 Loose Offering 124 Church School Offering 130 Women's Association 135 Building Fees 142 Nursery School 145 Interest Income 147 Housing Trust Income 147 Housing Trust Income 155 Endowment Income 157 Endowment Income II 169 Mission Offering 199 Special Events Total Revenues	929,354 137,895 39,459 2,655 9,731 1,401 8,000 4,906 27,988 17,214 22,128 3,574 14,790 28,085 0 \$\) 1,247,180	916,096 68,638 72,560 2,692 9,434 282 8,000 8,012 30,451 6,797 25,000 5,375 13,436 24,488 0 \$\frac{1}{3}	899,741 69,939 69,378 36,076 11,538 577 13,100 10,940 39,102 470 5,618 5,694 11,890 20,795 2,811 \$ 1,197,669	896,005 60,000 55,000 10,000 9,500 500 10,000 9,960 35,200 450 8,500 5,500 10,000 25,000 15,000 \$ 1,150,615			
<u>Expenses</u>							
Total Pastoral Expenses	380,341	353,119	371,026	266,039			
Total Missions	126,253	117,371	112,674	118,582			
Total Children's Ministry	35,983	34,374	33,953	35,072			
Total Confirmation & Youth	30,754	33,653	33,265	33,782			
Total Pastoral Care	49,906	51,752	53,300	54,504			
Total Membership	23,729	31,048	10,649	2,600			
Total Adult Education	1,275	1,857	1,000	1,700			
Total Services & Sacraments	445	494	373	490			
Total Fellowship	890	759	179	750			
Total Music	89,888	81,131	70,442	86,917			
Total Stewardship	2,606	1,207	2,322	4,200			
Total General & Administrative	227,593	232,007	195,069	200,043			
Total Church Properties	276,964	286,781	275,641	293,710			
Total Pageant	1,590	1,567	403	1,600			
Total Capital Reserve Fund	19,993	19,374	26,000	40,868			
Proposed Salary Increase (incl Social Security) 7,751							
Total Expenses	\$1,268,210	\$1,246,494	\$1,186,296	\$1,148,606			
Net (Deficit)	(\$21,030)	(\$55,233)	\$11,373	\$2,008			

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Marcia Kiraly, *Director, GCC Nursery School* Barbara Thewis, *Manager, Resale Shop*

At A Glance

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Thu	9:00 am 12:00 pm	Resale Shop open until 5:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm HOP Leadership, Parlor	Mon 2-8	7:00 pm	Finance Board, Founders Rm	
2-4	6:00 pm	HOP, Parlor	2-0			
	6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Bell Choir, Bell Rm Troop 156 Patrol Leaders Council, Founders Rm	Tues 2-9	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Pastoral Care Board, Rm 210 Adult Ed Board, Founders Rm Property Board, Library	
Fri 2-5	8:00 pm	Resale Shop open until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm AA, Parlor Al-Anon, Rm 201		7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Stewardship Board, Rm 7 Service and Sacrament Board, Chapel Mission Outreach Board, Rm 213	
Sat 2-6	8:30 am 9:00 am 9:00 am 4:00 pm	Men's Open Gym, Gym	Wed 2-10	9:00 am 6:45 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm CEMC Rehearsal, Parlor Music Board, Rm 201 BSA Troop 156, Gym, Mayflower Rm	
Sun	-	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm		8:00 pm	Venture Crew, Rm 210	
2-7	9:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	8th Grade Confirmation Class, Youth Rm 4th Grade Sunday School Class, Founders Rm Sunday School Gathering, Rm 201 Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm 1st Sunday Conversation, Founders Rm				
	4:00 pm	Voices of GCC, Rm 201				

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