

Broadcaster

February 10, 2010

Pilgrims Progress

In December when our granddaughter was born, Danita and Eric had not decided on a name for her. A couple of hours after her birth, they asked me about women's names in the New Testament and I mentioned Lydia. I gave them a brief sketch of her and they told me that was one of the three names they were considering. A few minutes later they asked me to step out of the room so they could discuss together what they wanted to name their daughter. A few minutes later they named their daughter Lydia Noel. I look forward to watching our granddaughter, Lydia, grow. I wonder what paths she will take. Will there be any parallels in her life to the life of this woman whose name she shares?

The Lydia that I told Danita and Eric about was a business woman and a seeker of faith. She was from Thyatira, a city in Lydia. Lydia may have gotten her name from her homeland. She may have been Sarah or Mary of Lydia, but in meeting, interacting with people, and people telling about her, Lydia became a nickname by which she was known. If we trace the family histories of many of the Smiths in this country, we learn that they worked as silver smiths, gold smiths, and black smiths. John the silver smith became known as John Smith. Something similar probably happened to Lydia.

Lydia owned a cloth shop in Philippi and sold purple cloth. Her native land of Lydia was on the seacoast. There was a particular shellfish that produced a secretion that was used as dye. This dye was purple in color and had to be collected drop by drop from the shellfish. A pound of wool dyed with this purple dye cost about \$60 in 50 CE. That was a lot of money in those days. Purple was the color of royalty and the color of wealth. Frankly, it was about the only color available in those days and only the wealthy could afford it.

Lydia was faithful in her relationship with God. Luke identified her as "a worshiper of God." That phrase could mean that she was a Jewess. Being a native of Thyatira,

which had a Jewish community that settled there during or after the Babylonian exile, Lydia could have been from a Jewish family. Or Lydia may have been a Gentile convert to Judaism. Whatever path her faith had taken, Lydia was one of the women gathering down by the riverside to pray where she met the Apostle Paul (Acts 16:11-15).

By telling us about Lydia, Luke tells us a great deal about the early church. In this brief story, we are told that followers of the Way did things differently than was the custom, or according to culture, or according to tradition. Paul and Silas were Near-Eastern males talking to women in public. That was different. Twice in his Gospel Luke mentions women who followed Jesus from Galilee (Lk. 23:49, 55). Women are the first announcers of good news, who ran to tell the male disciples (who were hiding) that Jesus had risen from the dead (Lk. 24:9). Lydia was a founder of the church at Philippi (Acts 16:11-15). She opened her home to Paul and Silas and they stayed with her while they were in Philippi.

When Paul consented to stay in Lydia's home and receive her hospitality, many barriers fell. Barriers at the time divided male from female, divided Jew from Gentile, and even divided Jew from Gentile Jewish convert, but these barriers were removed in the early church. Lydia was a businesswoman who was open to God and was seeking more and more of God's love and grace in her life. I recommend Lydia to you as a fellow seeker in search of faith.

Howard

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

Lent 1

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

Scripture:

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

Sermon:

"Jesus' Commitment and Ours"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

FEBRUARY 28, 2010

Lent 2

8:30 a.m. Bell Choir
10:30 a.m. Bell Choir and
Chancel Choir

Scripture:

Deuteronomy 6:13-16, Luke 4:1-13

Sermon:

"The Struggling Word of Jesus"

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*

Jazz It Up Sunday

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.



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.

Family Quiz Night

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, February 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-L / entrée/main dish

M-P / dessert

Q-Z / salad/side dish

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.

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, 27

November 14, 21, 28

July 4

December 12

August 1, 8, 15

Atmospheric Quintet

**Friday, February 19, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

This concert of music/jazz fusion will be played by Kevin Kizer and Marc Perlish on woodwinds, Katheryn Hughes on electric violin, Ken Haebich on bass and Neal Wehman on drums. They will thrill you with their unique blend of World, Indian, Mediterranean, Afro-Cuban, Jazz and Contemporary music.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your "Valentine" to share a post-Valentine's Day date or for you to just round-up your music-loving friends and attend together. No ticket is necessary, but there will be a free-will offering. You don't want to miss what this evening of music will provide. So mark your calendars!

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 room 5. Facilitator: Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse, ext.30.



Here it is, the night you've all been waiting for! An evening at Pasta Luigi will be presented this Sunday, February 14th. Dinner is at 5:00 p.m. and entertainment features the Singing Waiters and Waitresses of the GCC Chancel Choir.

Tickets still available in the office or at the door.

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-strikes.html>).

GCC CAREER NETWORK

Monday, February 22 at 12:00 p.m.

If you are unemployed, returning to work, considering a job change or looking to expand your business network please join us! We meet at 12 pm on the last Monday of each month at Glenview Community Church to hear speakers, share experiences, resources, job openings and support one another. Members have access to a Yahoo! Group to share information, community meetings dates and be alerted of opportunities.

Contact Alek Jablonski at (847)922-6870 or by e-mail ajablonski03@hotmail.com for more information.



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 Heartland Animal Shelter, please visit www.heartlandanimalshelter.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!



PYF FEBRUARY & MARCH

FEBRUARY 14
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Service:
We will package cookies for the Night Ministry.

FEBRUARY 21
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Pilgrim Youth and Family Fellowship – Vespers, Communion, & Potluck.

FEBRUARY 28
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Topic:
Destiny, Young Adulthood & Responsibility
Fellowship Activity:
PYF Survivor

MARCH 5
5:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Join us for this tradition of making chocolate covered pretzels to sell and late night fun afterwards.

MARCH 7

PYF AM Pretzel Selling and open youth room

MARCH 14

Topic: Destiny: Questions about Afterlife

MARCH 21

3:30 p.m.

Putting Edge - Mini Golf:

Meet at the Church at 3:30 Pm return to the Church at 6:15.



PYF loading up the car to take food to Good News Community Kitchen to serve.

Your Support Helps Those In Need

GCC has approximately 100 people stop in each year looking for assistance. The church provides a \$25 dollar food card for an individual once a year. PYF will be making hygiene kits to be passed out with the food cards. Please help us by bringing in any of the following items:

- Deodorant
- Soap
- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Travel-size shampoo/conditioner
- Washcloths
- Lotion
- Chap stick
- Kleenex
- Razors/shaving cream

A box will be located outside of the PYF room where these items can be dropped off. Thank you for your help.


Carnations for Haiti

If you are searching for another way to reach out and help the people of Haiti and haven't purchase flowers for your Valentine yet, Kerry Karth's Confirmation class is providing you with an opportunity to do both. They will be selling fresh cut carnations during both fellowship hours on Sunday, February 14. Don't miss this opportunity to help Haiti and make someone smile.



Glenview Community Church Nursery School

Registration for the 2010-2011 school year is underway! We have openings for 2, 3, 4, and 5 year old children. Please check out our website at www.gccns.com or contact Marcia Kiraly, marciak@gccucc.org or (847)729-1440 for information and to schedule a tour of the school!



Walking Praying Meditating the Labyrinth

A Labyrinth is a spiritual tool dating back to ancient times. It is believed that Christian pilgrims who could not afford to make the long journey to the Holy Land walked the Labyrinth as a metaphor for their pilgrimage to Jerusalem. It offers a pathway of prayer and a walking meditation. Walking a Labyrinth is your own personal journey or pilgrimage. You will have the unique opportunity to experience walking the Labyrinth at GCC. It will be here in the Mayflower/ Founders Rooms on Palm Sunday, March 28, Monday, March 29, Tuesday, March 30 and Wednesday, March 31. There is no charge. The times will vary, so watch for future articles.

(Sponsored by the Pastoral Care Board)

Devotional Booklets

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

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.

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.

Taize Service

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 AND 24
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

"In the Spirit of Taize" is an ecumenical form of prayer modeled after the Taize community in France. The purpose of this prayer service during Lent is to foster reconciliation and peace among all people and to draw closer to God. The service consists of songs/chants, scripture, candlelight, silent meditation and prayers.

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.

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.

Haiti Relief Fund



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.
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Shoes for Haiti

Glenview Community Church Nursery School (GCCNS), in conjunction with Fleet Feet Sports, is collecting all types of children's shoes and adult athletic shoes for the folks in Haiti. Here's an opportunity to assist those affected by the devastating earthquake and to show our children how to help those less fortunate than us. Collection boxes are in front of the preschool entrance and will be there for the next few weeks.



So get started early on that spring cleaning! Go through your closets and dig out all those shoes that the kids have outgrown. If you also have any gently used adult athletic shoes, throw those in as well and drop them all into the designated tubs at GCCNS.

Fleet Feet Sports is working with an organization in Tennessee who will be responsible for getting our collection to Haiti.



EVENING IMMERSION EXPERIENCE AND DINNER

March 5



Evening Immersion Experience and Dinner, March 5

Join us on Friday, March 5 for a learning immersion experience and dinner based around the topics of homelessness and injustice. Reverend Bud Ogle, founder and president of Good News Partners, will present with residents of the Jonquil Hotel (single room occupancy hotel run by Good News Partners) and this experience will help us better understand the issues surrounding homelessness. Good News Partners is one of the agencies that GCC has worked with for many years and to which we have provided both financial and hands on support. Good News Partners is a Christian asset-based community organization, focusing on housing, education and economic development in the East Rogers Park neighborhood of Chicago. The Without A Home evening will take place at Winnetka Presbyterian Church from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and will include dinner. There is no charge for the evening or dinner but a suggested donation of \$10 would be appreciated. Please RSVP to Tracy Sawires at esnstsms@hotmail.com or (847)832-0063. Thank you from your friends on the GCC Missions Outreach Board.



It's Cookie Time

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 cookies, 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.

GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

1000 Elm Street
Glenview, IL 60025-2897

Phone: (847) 724-2210
Fax: (847) 724-2213
E-mail: gccucc@gccucc.org

Not for profit Organization
US POSTAGE PAID
Glenview, IL
Permit NO. 41

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Ministerial Staff

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts, *Senior Minister*
Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Minister for Spiritual Formation*

Directors:

Marilyn Belleau, *RN, Health Ministry*
Kathy Lifton, *Children's Ministry*
Elizabeth Ciccolini, *Youth Ministry*
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

Thu 2-11	9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 5:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
	9:30 am	Lectio Divina, Room 5
	12:30 pm	Music Review Rehearsal, Mayflower Rm
	1:00 pm	Minister's Mentor Mtg., Rm 210
	6:15 pm	Bell Choir, Bell Rm
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
Fri 2-12	9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
	2:00 pm	Memorial - Loth, Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Not So Young and Restless, Gym
	8:00 pm	AA, Parlor
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon, Rm 201
Sat 2-13	9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
	9:00 am	Men's Open Gym, Gym
Sun 2-14	8:30 am	Fellowship Board, Rm 213
	8:30 am	Leadership Mtg., Founders Rm
	9:15 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
	9:30 am	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Plymouth Rm
	9:30 am	7th Grade Confirmation Class, Various Rms
	9:30 am	8th Grade Confirmation Class, Youth Rm
	9:30 am	Mid Winter Congregational Mtg., , Sanctuary

Sunday cont., 2-14	9:45 am	Primary Choir, Rm 201
	10:30 am	Sunday School Gathering, Rm 201
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
	11:30 am	Confirmation & Youth Board, Youth Rm
	11:45 am	Membership Board, Parlor
	2:00 pm	678 Club, Youth Rm & Gym
	3:00 pm	New Membership Orientation, Chapel
	4:00 pm	Voices of GCC, Rm 201
	4:00 pm	PYF, Youth Rm
	5:00 pm	Pasta Luigi, Mayflower Rm
Mon 2-15	9:30 am	Finding My Spirit, Library
	7:00 pm	Troop 156 Committee Mtg., Founders Rm
Tues 2-16	12:00 pm	Sixty Plus Luncheon, Mayflower rm
	7:00 pm	Adult Ed Board, Founders Rm
Wed 2-17	6:00 am	Ash Wednesday
	9:00 am	Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm
	9:15 am	WA Chapter 11, Parlor
	9:15 am	Chapter 20, Chapel
	7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	BSA Troop 156, Gym
	8:00 pm	Venture Crew, Rm 210

Broadcaster Deadline

Please submit all articles by 9:00 am, Wednesday, one week in advance to publishing via e-mail at tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org