

A LOVE STORY

That phrase is taken from a hymn text that was written by Purd E. Dietz in 1936 for Jean Sibelius' tune *Finlandia*. This hymn belongs particularly to the tradition of our United Church of Christ, though it has limited use in the hymnody of other traditions. Here's the full text of the original first verse:

> We would be building; temples still undone o'er crumbling walls their crosses scarcely lift waiting 'till love can raise the broken stone, and hearts creative bridge the human rift; we would be building; Master, let Thy plan reveal the life that God would give to man.

Rev. Dietz was ordained by the Reformed Church in the United States and became a seminary professor: first at Central Theological Seminary in Cleveland, Ohio and then at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri after Central merged with Eden and moved to St. Louis in 1934.

Though Professor Dietz used the imagery of erecting a physical edifice...perhaps even the great cathedrals of Europe that took hundreds of years to complete...that imagery is a metaphor for the building of the church that is the body of Christ, the community of believers that embodies and extends the love of God that we know in Jesus.

Nevertheless, I've been hearing the words of this great hymn in my head lately because of our conversation about the capital needs of the Glenview Community Church and the likely potential of a capital campaign to address those needs. This church building as we know it built in four stages over thirteen years, struggling to keep pace with the phenomenal growth of this congregation in the 1940s and 1950s:

The sanctuary in 1946, The education wing and gym in 1950, The office wing in 1955, and The chancel and transept in 1959.

Since 1959 an elevette was added to the narthex (no longer working), the west entrance was expanded and an elevator was installed, the Buzard organ was installed, major improvements were made to the sanctuary and beyond with the **Creating Sacred Space** project and, in the last year, we have installed a new audio and video capture system with digital signage, renewed the Chapel, and we have rebuilt the parking lots.

Very soon you will be receiving a letter inviting you to participate in congregational conversations about our building. Because of a Useful Life Study recently completed by an engineering firm, we are well-versed in the systems maintenance and replacement needs of our facility. More importantly, we need your input on how our building needs to be renovated and equipped to support our ministry into the next decades.

Church buildings can become shrines, especially when church buildings are as substantial and architecturally pleasing as is ours. However, the building really is no more than a home for the congregation and a tool for carrying out our ministry in Glenview. It is a resource, and needs to be as dynamic and as responsive to the needs of God's people as do we. Purd Dietz's hymn challenges us to make both our congregation and its building a living, striving, changing, yet to

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WORSHIP SERVICES

MARCH 1, 2015 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT COMMUNION

10:00 a.m.

Scripture: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 4:13-25

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler A New Name

MARCH 8, 2015 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

10:00 a.m.

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17; John 2:13-22

Sermon: Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds Disobey Fear



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be finished witness to God's love. Yes, we would be building; temples still undone! So join us for the conversations. Add your hopes and dreams for the Glenview Community Church as we look toward the future and, with bricks and wood, stone and glass, raise up this living temple of God's love. See you in church!

THE CAPITAL TASK **FORCE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR INPUT!**

The Capital Task Force Committee is hosting three meetings on three consecutive Sundays in March.

March 15, 22 and 29 at 11:15 a.m. (after worship) in the Chapel.

The purpose of these meetings is to answer your questions and get your input regarding current and future needs for our church building. What do you think our facilities need to make GCC a viable, energized, ministry-driven church in the 21st century?

Come and share your creative ideas! Now is the time to help form the vision that will support GCC's Message, Ministries and Mission into the future!

A LISTENING

Going through Lent is a listening.

When we listen to the word,

We hear where we are so blatantly unloving.

If we listen to the word, and hallow it into our lives,

We hear how we can so abundantly live again.

--Ann Weems Kneeling in Jerusalem

COMMON GROUND

Common Ground Glenview is hosted by the Glenview Community Church. Lectures are usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Founders Room. \$10.

MARCH 18 • JOHN WASIK Seven Bad Ideas in Economics

Did you ever wonder why certain toxic economic mantras keep resonating in the media? Based on a new book by Jeff Madrick, John Wasik explores the most dangerous economic ideas and why they are hurting average citizens across the world.

VOLUNTEER WHO INSPIRES PEOPLE

The Membership Board would like to acknowledge the volunteer efforts of people in our church community. So many people volunteer to work behind the scenes as well as in more well-known positions and all of these efforts are needed and appreciated--whether it is 5 minutes tidying up a room, helping plan an activity, stuffing envelopes, or holding a leadership role. This week, we'd like to extend our appreciation to Debbie Berg.

GCC would like to recognize Debbie Berg as a Volunteer who Inspires People (VIP). Debbie has been involved with the Confirmation & Youth Board for many years, both as a member and now as a member "emeritus." Debbie had the vision and dedication to create the first Hometown Auction in 2014 which provided a wealth of fellowship and fundraising for the PYF mission trip. Debbie is continuing to provide leadership for this year's upcoming auction in April. Thank you, Debbie, for your creativity and support of the young members of our GCC community.

Do you know someone who has donated some time to the church? We'd like to let everyone know! Please send your submission to Laura Heyser of the Membership Board at lcheyser@comcast.net.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE -COME AND SEE

There is a growing tide in metropolitan Chicago for innovative ways to reduce conflict and violence. On March 1, please join us as we hear from participants in the Restorative Justice Movement at 9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Michelle Day and Olivia Chase from Trinity United Church of Christ are using Restorative Justice practices to change the mind-set and promote healing in their communities.

We also invite you to experience how Restorative Justice circles can enhance relationships and communication in communities and institutions, like churches. After church, you can participate in circle discussions related to the March 1 sermon topic and scriptures and how they relate to the concepts of Restorative Justice. The Circle conversations will be held from 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. in the Founders Room and light refreshments will be served. Come to either program or both. If you have any guestions, please call Betsy Martin at 847-657-7595. For more information, contact Betsy Martin at 847-657-7595 or betsywisemartin@att.net.

The Adult Ed Board and the Faith in Action Team

LIFE EVERLASTING

We trust the promise of the resurrection for Jane Demler's mother, Carolyn Morse, who died on December 22, 2014, even as we hold Jane and John and their family in our prayers; and to Debby Fosdick's father, James Fosdick, who died on February 10, 2015, even as we hold Debby and her family in our prayers.

We also remember with thanksgiving the life of longtime GCC member Bob Schwarting, who died on February 12, 2015 even as we hold Bob's wife Barbara and their family in our prayers. There will be a memorial service for Bob on Thursday, March 5 at 11:00 AM at the Southminster Presbyterian Church 916 East Central Road Arlington Heights, IL. Visitation will be at 10:00 at the church. A luncheon will be held immediately following the service. If you plan to stay for lunch, please notify Barbara Schwarting. Memorials may be given to Southminster or to Glenview Community Church.

HOMETOWN AUCTION & CHILI COOK-OFF

Mark your calendars for the **Hometown Auction and Homemade Chili Cook-off** on Sunday, April 12 from 5-8:00 p.m. in the Mayflower Room. A professional auctioneer will lead us in the fun of bidding for homemade and other down-right valuable items. Taste and vote for your favorite homemade chili concoction at our Chili Cook-off! Salad, cornbread and pasta will also be served by our youth!

Bidder registration begins at 5:00 p.m. Chili tasting begins at 5:30 p.m. Auction begins promptly at 6:00 p.m.

It is sure to be a night filled with food, fellowship and fun!

We are looking for the following: donations of homemade and other valuable auction items, chili cookoff contestants to showcase their talents and people like YOU to come and enjoy the festivities and support our cause! If bidding isn't your thing, you can still join us for the fun - cash donations are welcomed and appreciated!

\$5 per person, maximum \$20 per family. Sign up at Coffee Hour starting March 22.

For more information or to register as a chili contestant, contact Ellen Dean at <u>ellen.dean@earthlink.net</u> or Stephen Isaacs at <u>cathyshapiro@wowway.com</u>. Sponsored by the Youth and Confirmation Board along with the Fellowship Board to benefit Youth service projects and mission trips, including the 2015 trip to Marvell, Arkansas.

SPRING GCC YOGA MONDAY EVENINGS

March 23 - May 18 (no class April 6) 7 - 8 :00 p.m., Room 201

THURSDAY MORNINGS March 26 - May 14, 9 - 10:00 a.m. in the Narthex

Dress in comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat. To register, contact Kelly Golding by March 16 by calling 847-657-1314 or emailing at <u>kellygolding@comcast.net</u>.

CONFIRMATION FIELD TRIP

The 8th grade confirmands will be taking a field trip to Trinity UCC in Chicago on Sunday afternoon, March 1. We leave at 4:00 p.m. and return by 8:30 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend as well. We will experience an African American worship service, baptism by immersion and communion.

FAMILY PIZZA AND BINGO!

Please join us March 8 after the worship service in the Mayflower Room for Family Pizza and Bingo! There will be prizes, fellowship and kids playtime in the gym. Please bring side dish or a dessert. RSVP at coffee hour or just show up! Sponsored by the Children's and Fellowship Board.

COOKIE DAY

Once again - and for the 16th year, our congregation has shown much love and caring for the folks the Night Ministry serves. PYF & 678 packaged 3,800 cookies!! This is a full month's supply and is gratefully appreciated. Ever so many thanks to all who baked, bought, brought, and packaged the cookies.

Dori Hirsch

GCCNS TEACHERS

Glenview Community Church Nursery School (GCCNS) is interviewing for highly qualified ECE teachers for Preschool Teaching positions for the 2015-2016 school year. Apply now to enjoy a highly-rewarding career of a professional early childhood teacher. For more job details please visit gccns.com To apply please send your resume with a cover letter to: Marcia Kiraly, 1000 Elm St., Glenview, IL 60025 or email marciak@gccucc.org Applications are due March 16, 2015.

CHURCH BUILDING HOURS

The Glenview Community Church is open seven days a week. The regular hours for the church (excluding special events) are as follows:

 Monday-Friday:
 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

 Saturday
 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

 Sunday
 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

PYF MARCH SUNDAYS 4-6 PM

March 1: PYF Tie Dyes and Junk Food Potluck! Please bring an item to tie dye and a food item to share. We will enjoy good food and fun.

March 8: PYF Mission Project – We will assemble Easter Baskets for the Northfield Township Food Pantry. Please bring \$10 to cover the cost of the project.

March 22: Cookie Making! Send me your favorite cookie recipe and we can make those.

April 12: Auction! Auction! Auction 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. The money raised will go towards the mission trip and other mission projects we do. Watch for details on how you can help!

April 19: PYF Game On! We will head to Roosevelt Park and hopefully enjoy the spring weather by playing capture the flag. Meet in the youth room at 4:00 p.m.

April 26: PYF Service to the Church: The youth will give back to GCC.

May 3: Millennium Park Scavenger Hunt! Meet at the church at 1:15 and we will take the train downtown. We will return on the 5:35 p.m. train from Union Station.

BE PREPARED FOR ALL YOU CAN EAT

Join the Boy Scout Troop 156 for an "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 7 between 7:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the Mayflower Room. A donation of \$5 is suggested and tickets are available from any Boy Scout or at the door.

Boy Scout Troop 156 has been chartered by Glenview Community Church since 1955 and is among the largest and most active units in Glenview. This year there are 85 registered Boy Scouts and 40 trained adult leaders, as well as a busy Cub Scout Pack and Venturing Crew.

INDIVIDUAL MEDITATION AND PRAYERS

The Chapel will be open during Lent for your spiritual quiet time and reflection Monday through Friday from Noon to 5:00 p.m. beginning February 18, 2015.

Lenten Devotional Books are available in the church office.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Join the preacher of the week at 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Parlor for an enlightening focus on the upcoming Sunday's sermon topic with an in-depth look at the scripture, the sermon, and their relevance to our daily lives.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS SACRED JOURNEYS

A PBS Series with author, Bruce Feiler

Join some modern sojourners from America of all faiths as they undertake pilgrimages to sacred sites. Travel to Islam and go behind closed doors of the Hajj, with people making the trip of a lifetime. In Jerusalem, follow the trail of pilgrims from the three Abrahamic traditions as they ground their faith in one of the holiest cities on Earth. Hear from our own GCC members who traveled last fall on their own sacred journey.

February 25, March 4, and 11 in the Chapel at 7:00-8:30 p.m.

LENTEN MEAL AND WORSHIP

A simple supper of soup and bread (sponsored by the Adult Education Board) and informal worship will take place on Thursday, March 19, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Room.

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29

10:00 a.m. In The Sanctuary Join the Palm Processional as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem long ago and as we welcome in our lives today.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2

7:30 p.m. In The Sanctuary with Holy Communion Jesus invites us to come and sup with Him in a meal where He feeds us with His own life and love.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

7:30 p.m. In the Sanctuary Words fail us as we come to the cross where Jesus gave Himself completely for us. Join us in worship and adoration there.

HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 4 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel Come, wait and watch as we prepare ourselves for the glory of Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. In The Sanctuary with Holy Communion Christ the Lord is risen today! We will join the victory of God's love in the glory of Easter as we celebrate our Lord who no tomb could hold.



SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Please join us for an evening of education and inspiration at the Adler Planetarium to benefit Hands of Peace. Highlights of the evening include:

- Jerome McDonnell, the award-winning host of WBEZ's daily "Worldview" program will lead a discussion on the history of tension between the two nations
- HOP alumni will share their perspectives
- Visit "Shoot for the Moon," the Adler's exhibit about America's program to land a man on the moon
- Complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
- A scrumptious dinner and dessert
- Extraordinary silent auction items

Tickets are \$150 if purchased on or before March 31; \$175 if purchased on or after April 1. To order tickets go to <u>www.handsofpeach.</u> <u>org</u>. Contact Terri Morgan at <u>terrimor-</u> <u>gan922@gmail.com</u> with any questions.

CONCERT FOR PEACE FALLEN HEROES

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015 AT 3:00 PM A musical exploration of those who have died for the cause. A free will donation to benefit *Hands of Peace.*

Come hear Katherine Hughes, violinist, the HAWK String Quartet (Carol Kalvonjian, violinist, Benton Wedge, violist, and Jill Kaeding, cello), Gary Wendt, organist, Jade Maze, jazz vocalist, and the rhythm section of Kent Wehman, Ken Haebich, and Neal Wehman, with a special appearance by the Glenview Community Church Chancel Choir, in a concert exploring the theme of peace.

Listen to and sing along with songs about peace, with a variety of styles and ensembles from traditional to contemporary. There will be a free will offering to benefit Hands of Peace <u>www.handsofpeace.org</u>.

<u>WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC</u>

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location	
Thursday, 26 Febru	•		
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga Classes	Narthex	
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
Friday, 27 February 2015			
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	GCC Pickleball	Gym	
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA MEETING	Parlor	
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM AL-ANON Library			
Saturday, 28 Febru	•		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	GCCNS - Mom's Day	Room 211	
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Men's Open Gym	Gym	
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	
Sunday, 01 March 2			
8:45 AM to 9:50 AM	Confirmation Classes	Plymouth Room	
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM 9:15 AM to 9:45 AM	Adult Ed (Restorive Justice)	Chapel	
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal Glenview Community Church Worship	Room 201	
	Service	Sanctuary	
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Sunday School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM	
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower	
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Restorative Justice Seminar	Founders	
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room	
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM	Daisy Scouts Troop	Room 210	
3:30 PM to 5:30 PM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal	Room 201	
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room	
Monday, 02 March			
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM	Called To Care	Founders	
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Committee Mtgs	Founders	
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Capital Task Force Mtg	Parlor	
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Yoga Class	Room 201	
Tuesday, 03 March		_	
9:15 AM to 11:15 AM	GCCNS Library Storytime	Room 32	
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	PYF 12th Grade Dinner	Youth Room	
6:45 PM to 9:00 PM 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
	Church School Teacher Bible Study	Youth Room	
Wednesday, 04 Mar			
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	
9:15 AM to 11:15 AM	GCCNS Library Storytime	Room 32	
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor	
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	FISH Community Dinner	Room 7 Mayflower	
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	PYF/POW	Youth Room	
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg.	Mayflower	
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Mid-Week Lenten Series	Chapel	
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	BSA 156	Room 5	
8:31 PM to 9:00 PM	Venturing Crew	Gym	
Thursday, 05 March 2015			
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga Classes	Narthex	
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
Friday, 06 March 20)15		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	GCC Pickleball	Gym	
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	GCC Adult Volleyball	Gym	
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA MEETING	Parlor	
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library	
Saturday, 07 March	2015		
7:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Boy Scout 156 Pancake Breakfast	Mayflower	
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Men's Open Gym	Gym	
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	

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Sunday, 08 March 2015			
8:45 AM to 9:50 AM	Confirmation Classes	Plymouth Room	
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Adult Ed	Chapel	
9:15 AM to 9:45 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal	Room 201	
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary	
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Sunday School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM	
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower	
11:15 AM to 12:15 PM	Membership Board Mtg	Library	
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room	
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM	Family Fun/ Pizza	Plymouth Room	
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM	New Member Class	Room 32	
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM	678 Club	Youth Room	
3:30 PM to 5:30 PM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal	Room 201	
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room	
Monday, 09 March 2	015		
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM	Spirit Group	Library	
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Faith In Action Team	Parlor	
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Patrol Leaders Council	Founders	
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Children's Board Meeting	Youth Room	
7:31 PM to 9:00 PM	Mission Board Mtg.	Parlor	
Tuesday, 10 March	2015		
6:45 PM to 9:00 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Adult Ed Mtg	Library	
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Pastoral Care Meeting	Room 210	
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Services & Sacraments Bd Mtg	Founders	
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Confirmation and Youth Bd Mtg	Youth Room	
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	WA Board Mtg	Parlor	
Wednesday, 11 Mar	ch 2015		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor	
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	FISH	Room 7	
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Girl Scouts	Room 8	
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	PYF/POW	Youth Room	
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Merit Badge Fair	Mayflower	
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Mid-Week Lenten Series	Chapel	
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Properties Board Mtg	Room 210	
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	BSA 156	Room 5	
8:31 PM to 9:00 PM	Venturing Crew	Gym	
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STEWARDSHIP 2015, BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING! GIFTS MOST RARE!

February 15, marked the culmination of our 2015 Stewardship Campaign, which began way back on September 28, 2014. We are excited and gratified to report that you have committed over \$ 1,007,000 to the Message, Ministries and Mission of Glenview Community Church! This represents our most successful pledge campaign since 2008 and an increase of nearly 25% over the last two years! HALLELUJAH! CONGRATULATIONS! AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS RESPONSE!

This outpouring of support by the Congregation will enable GCC to continue and grow its Message, Ministries and Mission and to do God's work as we strive to be A House For All God's People. While our campaign has ended, please remember that Stewardship is a year-round responsibility. Your commitment of Time, Talent and Treasure is the Blessing that enables GCC to do God's Work in the World! THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!

Your Stewardship Board

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