

A Pilgrim's Progress

Most major events occur just like any other event. Only after the events and their impact on our lives become long lasting do we begin to recognize and identify them as major events. Leaving my parents' home and going away to college was a major event in my life. However, at the time it seemed merely the normal thing to do. I had no idea when I left for college that I would never live in my hometown again. That thought did not cross my mind at the time. We do anticipate that some events will have a major impact on our lives because we are aware that similar events have had a major impact on others. The birth of a child, the death of a spouse, or retirement are major events for many people.

Easter is an important day in the life of the church and for those who identify themselves as Christians. A significant amount of time and energy is focused toward Easter in anticipation of its arrival. Then Easter comes and goes like any other day and we are immediately back to our normal routines. Nothing extraordinary happened. Oh, if you were in church on Easter, the music was more spectacular than usual and there were a couple more people in worship than usual but other than that it was pretty much a "same o, same o" kind of day.

The appearances of the risen Christ have prominent importance in the Gospel of John. What Jesus said during these appearances are afterwords that have had lasting meaning and value for his disciples then and for disciples through the centuries.

Frederick Buechner has these observations about the resurrection of Jesus. "The way the Gospel writers tell it, in other words, Jesus came back from death not in a blaze of glory but more like a candle flame in the dark, flickering first in this place, then in that place, then in no place at all... It was the most extraordinary thing they believed had ever happened, and yet they tell it so quietly that you have to lean close to be sure

what they are telling. They tell it as softly as a secret, as something so precious and holy, and fragile, and unbelievable, and true, that to tell it any other way would be somehow to dishonor it. To proclaim the resurrection the way they do, you would have to say it in whispers: 'Christ has risen.' Like that."

All the wonderful things that are going on around us on Easter Sunday can sometimes make us more conscious than usual that nothing even close to all that wonderful is going on inside ourselves.

That is why the Sundays after Easter are so precious, and precious because, in their comparatively subdued, low-key way, they seem not only closer to how the resurrection actually took place as the Gospels describe it but, more important still, closer to the reality of the resurrection as you and I are apt to experience it. These everyday Sundays without all the flowers and music and exaltation are like the kind of day that Luke describes in his account of two disciples on their walk from Jerusalem to Emmaus some seven miles away. (The Longing for Home, p. 143-144) May we hear a lasting word for our lives in the afterwords of Easter. May the meaning of Easter take root in our lives and burst forth filling our lives with promise and hope every day.

Howard

The Gospel of Mark A dramatic proclamation of the shortest

A dramatic proclamation of the shortest Gospel by Wayne Turney at St. David's Episcopal Church will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 23 and 24 and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 25. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children and can be reserved by calling (847)724-1341 or by emailing office@stdavidsglenview.com.

WORSHIP SERVICES

APRIL 11

8:30 a.m. Pilgrim Wind Ensemble

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Scripture:

Psalm 16, John 20:1-18

Sermon:

"Afterword" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

APRIL 18

Rescue in the Night



8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Performed by: Voices of GCC

Director of Voices of GCC Debby Shellard

Minister Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

APRIL 25

Confirmation Sunday and Communion

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir 8th Graders will be confirmed

Scripture: John 21:1-19

Sermon:

Gone Fishin' Elizabeth Ciccolini Director of Youth Ministries and Seminary student at Chicago Theological Seminary

SIGN CHI DO



The Art of Moving Prayer is combination of deep breathing, tai chi type movement, sign language and prayer to promote total body health and wellness. The practice of Sign Chi Do has been shown to reduce blood pressure, improve memory, increase concentration, improve muscle coordination and improve balance. People with all levels of physical abilities can participate!

Please come dressed in comfortable clothing that allows movement. Contact Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Health Care Parish Nurse at (847)724-2210, xt. 30 for more details.

Dates and Times:

Tuesday, April 13 & 27 Tuesday, April 20 & 27 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Looking for more AMBASSADORS

Glenview Community Church appreciates all those who serve as Ambassadors at each of our worship services. Members and friends enjoy the warm greetings; visitors appreciate the welcome and helpful information about child care, Sunday school, fellowship, events. If you would like to volunteer to serve and help extend "Radical Hospitality", please call M-J Detwiler at (847) 724-4844 or e-mail mjcd2223@gmail.com. You are scheduled approximately once every 6 weeks. We are always looking for more subs if that's more suitable for you. If you are serving as an Ambassador and want to continue you don't need to do anything, but if you are unable to continue serving as an Ambassador, call or e-mail M-J Detwiler.

SIMPLE GIFTS CONCERTS

Sunday, April 18 at 3:00 p.m.

The ninth concert event of the Simple Gifts series is scheduled for Sunday, April 18, 2010 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. On this occasion the Glenview Concert Band will bring their vibrant sound and musical skills to our Sanctuary for the enjoyment of all of those in our church and wider community who are able to attend.

A ticket purchase is not necessary, but a free will offering will be received. Put this event on your calendar now. You won't want to miss it!

Inaugural GCC Rummage Sale

Spring is here and that means spring cleaning is under way! Please plan on donating clothes, furniture, sporting equipment, toys, books, bikes and other household products to the inaugural GCC Rummage Sale. Make sure the items are in good condition. We will not be accepting donations of electronic equipment (TV's, computers, etc.), certain baby products (strollers, cribs and high chairs), luggage or upholstered furniture. Please bring your donated items to the metal storage container in the parking lot between 9:30 a.m. and noon on Sunday, April 11th. Alternatively, call Steve Brown at (847)729-4766 to schedule a pick-up at your home. The GCC Rummage Sale will be on June 19th and 20th and is sponsored by the Resource Development Committee to benefit all of GCC's people, programs, and missions.



Join us for breakfast before the Children's Choir worship musical, a faith based program that warms your heart and fills your soul, or join us after the grace filled worship service on Sunday, April 18.

The FLAPJACK FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will be served by the Confirmands and prepared by the "Guys of the Grill" Men's Ministry Group.

COST: \$5

TIME: 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. PLACE: Mayflower Room

Tickets for the breakfast can be purchased at both coffee hours on Sunday, April 11. Walk-ins are welcome.

Adult Education Program

IN THE CHAPEL AT 9:30 A.M. April 11 and 18

Please join Dr. Ron Miller as our speaker. A native of St. Louis, Dr. Miller earned degrees in philosophy and theology at St. Louis University, and went on to study at the University of Freiburg im Breisgau in Germany. Following that he went to Northwestern University where he focused on Jewish-Christian relations for his doctoral work in Comparative Religions. He began his career at Lake Forest College in 1974, teaching in the Religion Department. His recent publications include: The Gospel of Thomas: A Guide for Spiritual Practice (2004); The Hidden Gospel of Matthew (2004); and The Spiritual Writings of Paul (2007). He is a founder of Common Ground and a man of deep thought and spiritual reflection.

Bring a friend and join us.



60 PLUS LUNCHEON, APRIL 20, 201 12 NOON IN MAYFLOWER ROOM

Help us celebrate Spring as we gather for soup, bread and a special dessert. Don't miss this opportunity to be with others as we share food, fellowship and fun. Bring a friend.

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

Spring Plant Sale

Spring is Just around the corner so it's time to start thinking about your garden! Order forms for the annual Women's Association Plant Sale are now available at church and online at www.gccucc.org. A wide variety of high quality plants are available.

Deadline for order: **Sunday , April 18** Pickup/Delivery * **Saturday , May 15** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Please give June Mussay (847)729-0021 or Jill Ruter (847)729-2368 a call if you have any questions.

As always, the proceeds from this event will be used to beautify the church grounds.

* Delivery available for \$10/address

Volunteers Needed!

The Resource Development Committee (RDC), which has been organized to benefit all of GCC's people, programs and missions by raising incremental money beyond the pledge drive, is now recruiting volunteers. We have a number of events coming up this year including the first Pancake Breakfast, our inaugural Rummage Sale in June, our American Girl Fashion Show this fall and more. Each of these events will be filled with fun. fellowship and faith and we need you to help make these a success for GCC. If you would like to get involved, either a lot or just a little, please send John Tillman an email at michman@earthlink.net or call (847)724-7523. Thanks!

Thank You

Many thanks from the Pastoral Care Board for delivering Easter Lilies to church members who were unable to attend Easter services with us. We appreciate your assistance with this important ministry.



Please join us for the 5th annual GCCNS Spring Boutique. Over 20 vendors, most of them new to our boutique, will be selling everything from jewelry, handbags and women's workout wear to home decor, personalized stationery and children's toys.

NEW THIS YEAR... *Free Starbucks Coffee*

Coffee will be served throughout the morning compliments of the Starbucks at Lake and Waukegan!

Win a Manicure

Shop from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. for a chance to win a free manicure. We will be raffling off 5 manicures each hour!

Visit <u>www.gccns.com/springboutique</u> for a list of our wonderful vendors or contact Julie Loeber at (847)998-8803.



SAVE THE DATE

Friday May 7 at 10:00 a.m. SCHRAGER TO SPEAK ON

"POLICY AND POLITICS: ONE YEAR LATER" Chapter 8 of the Women's Association will again host a program and luncheon featuring popular lecturer, Joyce Schrager, on Friday, May 7, in the Mayflower Room. Tickets for the program and luncheon are \$15 or \$10 for the program only and may be purchased in the church office from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and during fellowship hours in April.



Equal Exchange fair trade coffees, teas and chocolate products will be sold by Chapter 8 at both Fellowship hours

on Sunday, April 11. Fair Trade provides farmers with recourses for social and community development such as health care, public transportation and educational initiatives in addition to a fair price. These fine products are available usually on the second Sunday of each month.

This "cuppa Joe" is a great way to start your day and helps the small coffee farmers and their families to have a better life.

LECTIO DIVINA

Please join us on Thursday, April 8 and the second Thursday of each month. Lectio Divina is a traditional way of praying meditatively with the Bible so that the Word of God can reach our minds and hearts. Take this opportunity to bring the Risen Christ into your life. Join us from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in Room 5.

Facilitator: Parish Nurse, Marilyn Belleau, (847) 724-2210, ext. 30.

PYF April & May

April 9-10

Lock – In:

Information has been sent home. If you have not received it please let Elizabeth know.

April 11

No PYF due to Lock In

April 18

Service to the Church: This year we will be helping the church with a much needed project; Cleaning out McGee's Closet (a catch all storage closet). We will need a few parents as well as many youth to help sort, pitch and toss. A Grand Prize will be awarded for best "treasure" found. We will also have a Wii tournament.

April 25

Small Group: Destiny. We will create the year and make a tool kit to use to help keep us on track. Please RSVP, it will be helpful so enough supplies can be purchased.

May 2

Boat Ride and Navy Pier: Join us for this fun trip to the city. We will be taking the train downtown and taking the boat to and from Navy Pier. We will leave at 1:00 p.m. and return at 6:15 p.m.

PYF Work Camp Stock Sales

Fifteen PYF youth and four adults will be traveling to Booneville, Arkansas in June to participate in Youthworks work camp. The group will spend time working with children at Kids Club and doing house painting and home improvements for local community members. The youth will also have the opportunity to get to know some other youth groups from around the country and learn about local culture. To support this faith building mission experience, you may purchase stock for \$10 a share at the coffee hour on April 11, or by mailing or dropping off a donation at Church C/O Elizabeth Ciccolini. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated.



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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

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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

			Sunday Cor	ntinued	
Thur	9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm		10:30 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary
4-8	9:30 am	Lectio Divina, Rm 5		10:30 am	
	12:00 pm	HOP Leadership Mtg., Parlor		11:30 am	
	6:15 pm	Bell Choir, Bell Rm		11:30 am	Confirmation Youth Board Mtg., Youth Rm
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir, Sanctuary		1:00 pm	HOP Group Mtg., Founders Rm
Fri 4-9	9:00 am 9:30 am	Resale Shop open until 5:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm Prayer Group, Rm 5		3:30 pm	Voices of GCC, Rm 201
	7:00 pm	Not So Young and Restless Volleyball, Gym	Mon	9:30 am	Finding My Spirit, Library
	8:00 pm	AA, Parlor	4-12	6:00 pm	Voices of GCC, Sanctuary
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon, Rm 201		7:00 pm	Finance Board Mtg., Rm 201
				7:00 pm	Service & Sacraments Board Mtg., Parlor
Sat	9:00 am	Men's Open Gym, Gym		7:00 pm	Prayer Group, Rm 5
4-10	9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm	Tue	0.20	Sign Chi Da Dhumanuth Dua
	9:15 am	PMRC, Rm 201	Tue	9:30 am	Sign Chi Do, Plymouth Rm
	10:00 am	Memorial - Collier, Sanctuary	4-13	7:00 pm	Pastoral Care Board Mt., Rm 210
				7:00 pm	Adult Education Board, Mtg., Founders Rm
Sun	8:30 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary		7:00 pm	Properties Board Mtg., Library
4-11	8:30 am	Leadership Committee Mtg., Founders Rm		7:00 pm	Stewardship Board Mtg., Rm 7
	9:15 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm		7:00 pm	HOP Board Mt., Rm 201
	9:30 am	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Youth Rm		7:00 pm	Mission Outreach Board Mtg., Parlor
	9:30 am	7th Grade Confirmation Class, Various Rms	Wed	9:00 am	ReSale Shop until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
	9:30 am	8th Grade Confirmation Class, Youth Rm	4-14	9:00 am	Memorial Garden Mtg., Library
	9:30 am	Adult Education, Chapel	1 - 1	7:00 pm	BSA 156 Mtg., Gym, Mayflower, Founders & Rm 5
	9:45 am	Primary Choir, Rm 201		7:00 pm	Music Board Mtg., Rm 201
Broadcaster Deadline				, ,	Venture Crew, Parlor

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

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APRIL

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LECTIO DIVINA

Thursday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in room 5. Facilitator: Parish Nurse, Marilyn Belleau, (847) 724-2210 ext. 30.

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BREAKFAST WITH A MUSICAL

Sunday, April 18 starting at 8:00 a.m., ending at noon, a pancake breakfast will be served for \$5.00

MUSICAL, "RESCUE IN THE NIGHT"

Sunday, April 18 performed by Voices of GCC. 8:30 a.m. worship service and 10:30 a.m. worship service

SIMPLE GIFTS CONCERT, GLENVIEW CONCERT BAND

Sunday, April 18 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

PLANT SALE ORDERS DUE

Please give June Mussay (729-0021) or Jill Ruter (729-2368) a call if you have any questions

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GCC NURSERY SCHOOL SPRING BOUTIQUE

Wednesday, April 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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GCC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. Check the GCC web site at www.gccucc.org to download the board minutes.

MAY

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SENIOR HOUSING FAIR

Sunday, May 2 starting at 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the Mayflower room

THE ORGAN BIRTHDAY FINALE CONCERT

Sunday, May 2 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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JOYCE SHRAGER: POLITICS AND POLICY

Friday, May 7 at 10:00 a.m. lecture and lunch Tickets can be purchased in the church office.

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MOTHER'S DAY

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PLANT SALE PICK UP

Saturday, May 15 between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Delivery available for \$10/address

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GCC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m.
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WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION AFTERNOON TEA

Sunday, May 23 at 2:30 p.m. in the Mayflower room

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GCC CAREER NETWORKING GROUP

Monday, May 24 at 12:00 p.m. in the Plymouth room

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mayflower room

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GOD BLESS AMERICA CONCERT

SIMPLE GIFTS SERIES

Sunday, May 30 at 4:00 p.m.