



Broadcaster

Glenview Community Church

May 27, 2009

Pilgrim's Progress

An amazing assertion is made in the Gospels. According to the Gospel writers, Jesus' disciples only asked him to teach them one thing. That surprises me. I would have expected them to be asking him to teach them all kinds of things. I thought the disciples would have asked Jesus to teach them to cast out demons or to be able to make the blind to see or the deaf to hear. Why didn't they ask Jesus to teach them how to change water into wine or how to walk on water? But they didn't ask him any of those things. The only thing we have recorded that the disciples asked Jesus to teach them was to pray (Luke 11:1-4).

There must have been something in the way Jesus prayed, when he prayed, why he prayed or what he prayed for that influenced his disciples. Otherwise, of the unlimited number of things the disciples could have asked Jesus to teach them, why is the only request they made of which we have written record, "Lord, teach us to pray"?

And do you know how Jesus responded to their request? He gave them an example of a prayer. Although it is popularly known as the Lord's Prayer, it is better to identify it as the Model Prayer, the Disciple's Prayer, or better yet, the Learner's Prayer. The prayer we repeat as the Lord's Prayer, the only prayer of Jesus known by many of us, serves as an illustration and a model for the learner, one seeking to learn to pray.

The Learner's Prayer suggests that we are to communicate three things to God when we pray like Jesus: respect for God, desire for the will and reign of God to take place, and daily needs. Elton Trueblood has suggested that we soak ourselves in this prayer and then pray freely.

The Learner's Prayer has two sections: the "you" section and the "us" section. The "you" section is the portion that addresses God and the disciple's respect for God. The "us" section deals with the disciple's daily needs and identified by some as the petition section.

Matthew sets the Learner's Prayer in the context of the Sermon on the Mount. Sure-

ly, the Sermon on the Mount is a collection of Jesus' teachings which the early followers put together rather than one sermon given one time for his disciples' hearing and learning. Maybe the Learner's Prayer was given a phrase at a time for the disciples to live with for several days before they considered anything further. What would happen to us if we lived with each phrase in the Learner's Prayer for a few days before we considered, thought about, or prayed the next part of the prayer?

We say the Lord's Prayer together every Sunday. We are very familiar with the words. Sometimes the familiarity is helpful. Sometimes the familiarity causes the prayer to lack meaning. To help us learn from the Lord's (Learner's) Prayer, each Sunday during the month of June we will use a different version of the prayer. May this help us not only to learn from the prayer but also to learn to pray.

Howard

Special Gifts

As we began finalizing the budget process for the 2009 budget, members and friends of GCC were invited to increase their pledges, if possible, to assist the congregation with revenue. 34 households were able to increase their pledges and 7 households pledged who had not done so previously. These 41 households pledged an additional \$22,899 to GCC.

Responding to the request and encouragement of the Stewardship Board, Tom Amos and I sent a letter in April to the members and friends of GCC sharing the many events and activities that would occur during the next few weeks. We also asked, if possible, for people to make a special spring gift to GCC. How wonderful that 22 households responded with gifts totaling \$4,695.

Thank you, to all of you, for your generous support of the ministry of GCC and a special thanks to those who were able to increase your pledges and to those who were able to make a special spring gift to GCC.

Howard

SUNDAY SERVICES

MAY 31, 2009

Youth Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Worship planned and led by Elizabeth Ciccolini, Rev. Pam Keckler, and PYF

Four of our high school seniors will preach.

Theme: The Birthday of the Church. Join us this Pentecost Sunday and support our youth. PYF Stock Sale for workcamp will conclude on that morning during coffee hour.

Summer Sunday School Begins

JUNE 7, 2009

Baccalaureate Sunday

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture:

Psalms 130, Mark 3:20-35

Sermon:

"Helicopter Parents"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

All high school graduating seniors will be recognized during worship.

JUNE 14, 2009

9:30 a.m. Summer Music Begins

Scripture:

Ezekiel 17:22-24, Mark 4:26-34

Sermon:

"Faith To Be Human"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

Sterewardship Board

The Stewardship Board would like to thank all who have responded to the 2009 pledge campaign – the success of this campaign, and your generosity as members in participating, is at the very heart of our foundation and growth as a church.

As a testament to the difference our church makes in the lives of our members as well as to the difference members make in the success of this church, the Stewardship Board is sponsoring the following new series in the coming months:

1. 'My Church – My Faith' – both written and oral personal stories from members of GCC on how our church has influenced their lives, and
2. 'Did You Know?' – A series of current and historical facts which will demonstrate the importance of our members in making a difference at GCC.

The history of GCC is interwoven with personal family stories, generosity and commitment of its members – the love we as members have both received and given within these walls have contributed to the rich history this church has experienced since its inception 112 years ago – in 1897. We owe much and we receive much...join us in the next few months as we learn of our richness as a congregation.

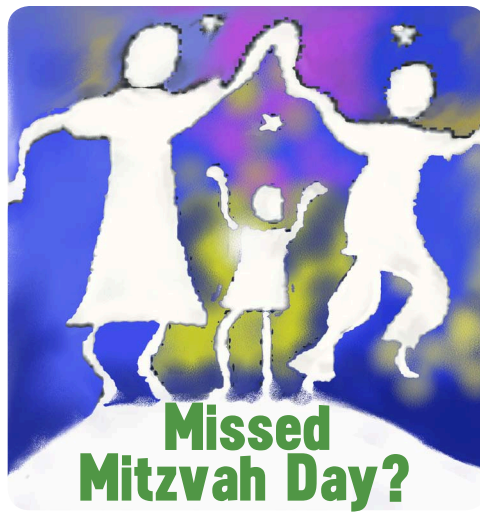
The Stewardship Board

Sharing Your Thoughts About The 2010 Budget

Your Moderators and the Personnel Task Force welcome your views regarding the Budget for 2010, which may once again require additional cuts. What are your priorities? Which programs and services do you believe are essential? If needed, where do you believe reductions should be made? Recommendations will be made to the Executive Board in August and September.

The following "Mini Town Hall Meetings" are designed so that your thoughts will be considered. In order to give everyone a chance to share, they are limited to 25-30 in number and all will be held in the Founders Room. Please sign up ahead of time by calling the office. Each member may attend only one of the meetings.

- Wednesday, June 10 at 7 pm.**
- Thursday, June 11 at 7 p.m.**
- Sunday, June 14 at 10:45 a.m.**
- Tuesday, June 16 at 10:00 a.m.**
- Wednesday, June 17 at 7 p.m.**
- Thursday, June 18 at 10:00 a.m.**



Here is a brief summary of the "acts of loving kindness" that members from GCC, Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim and the Baha'i Fellowship of Glenview, performed in the community on Sunday, May 17: Ice cream sundaes were served, along with good fellowship, at Friedman Place (a residence for the blind); many dozens of chocolate chip and oatmeal raisin cookies were baked and delivered to the Night Ministry; six hundred bag lunches were prepared and delivered to three homeless shelters, one hundred personal hygiene kits were assembled for guests of Good News Community Kitchen. Also, sing-alongs were held at three area nursing homes; gentle dogs (and their owners) visited four assisted living/nursing homes; tree planting and various landscape tasks were performed at two outdoor sites; clothes were sorted at the WINGS resale shop; and ten fleece blankets were made and will be given to Stroger Hospital in Chicago. By all reports, there was great interfaith fellowship as participants engaged in valuable community service.

You can still help!! We will gladly accept donations to help cover some of the expenses associated with Mitzvah Day. Please make checks payable to GCC and write "Mitzvah Day" on the memo line. Any questions? Contact Mary Anne Peruchini, email mperuchini@gmail.com or call 847-251-2604.

Thank You!



GCC WALKERS and anyone else who would like to join us (we're a very friendly group) we will meet in the north parking lot at 10:45 a.m. after church on Sunday, June 14. We will car pool to Northwestern Campus, park in the parking lot and walk along Lake Michigan shore and the inner circle around the pond. If we still have energy we may go south into the park. It is OK to wear your walking clothes to church.

Dori Hirsch

GCC CAREER NETWORK



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MONDAY, JUNE 1ST @ 12 P.M.

Plymouth Room

FINANCIAL PLANNER: JIM ADDANTE

Join us to hear more about 401k and IRA rollovers, asset preservation, wealth accumulation and tax strategies for individuals. Jim Addante has 25 years of experience helping individuals and families reach their financial goals

MONDAY, JUNE 1ST @ 7 P.M.

Plymouth Room

TODAY'S TOP SECRETS of EXPERT RESUMES

Marketing your Skills and Abilities will be the topic of this resume writing seminar by Steven Provenzano, author of "Top Secret Executive Resumes" and "Top Secret Resumes & Cover Letters" and President of Executive Career Services & DTP, Inc. Mr. Provenzano will emphasize the book's key topic: marketing your skills and talents to win job interviews and increase your career potential. He will also critique resumes for members of the audience.

If you are unemployed, returning to work, considering a job change or looking to expand your business network please join us! The GCC Career Network meets every other Monday (6/1, 6/15, 7/13, 8/10, 8/24...) at 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Glenview Community Church for about 1 ½ hours. We share experiences, resources, job openings, hear speakers and support one another. Members also have access to a Yahoo! Group to get resources, share information and be alerted of opportunities.

Contact Alek & Renee Jablonski at 847-486-1920/ajablonski03@hotmail.com or Rev. Pam Keckler at 847-724-2210 if you would like more information about these programs.

Summer Time Is BBQ Time

The next Men's Ministry meeting will be a BBQ on Friday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for an evening of BBQ and fellowship at David Aki's home. For those interested in learning more about the Men's Ministry and its programs, this will be a great opportunity to meet the members and hear about our plans for the coming year.

Please RSVP by June 7 to David Aki at dave254@comcast.net or 847-657-0139.



Calling all GCC Musicians.....We are fortunate to have such tremendous musical talents within our own congregation, and are honored each year to hear them lead us musically in our worship services. If you are interested in playing or singing for one of our summer services (June 14-September 6), please contact Andy Lewis or Gary Wendt:

Andy: 847.724.2210 X31
andy.lewis@gccucc.org

Gary: 847.724.2210 X51
gary.wendt@gccucc.org.

WE COULD USE SOME HELP



The GCC Hand Bells

Are you planning to drive near Philadelphia this summer? The GCC Hand Bells are going under the knife! The Hand Bells were a gift to the congregation in 1985 but they have never been back to the factory for refurbishment. We will be doing that this summer.

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If you know of someone who is driving to or near Philadelphia, PA, between now and July 15, and could transport a case or two to the factory, it would be a huge cost saving.

Please contact Sue Newberry at 724-6407 if you think you might be able to help out.

Sunday School

Preschoolers through third graders are invited to attend Session 1 of summer Sunday school at 9:30 from May 31 through June 28. Students will explore the meaning of friendship through literature and Bible based activities. Bring a friend!

High School Senior Breakfast

High School Senior Breakfast will be on June 7 at 8:30 a.m. given by the Confirmation/Youth Board. We will recognize and honor all seniors during the 9:30 worship service. Families and guests are welcome. Please let us know you are coming.

Attention:

6TH GRADERS AND THEIR PARENTS:

It's time to register for 7th grade confirmation for next fall. This is a two year program for 7th-8th grades, with students being confirmed in the spring of the 8th grade year. Registration forms and information are being sent home to each enrolled 6th grader. If we miss you, please contact Rev. Pam Keckler at 847-724-2210, Ext. 24. Forms are also available in the church office.

GLOBALIZATION FOR THE COMMON GOOD

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International Conference of Interfaith Leaders

June 1-4



International Conference of Interfaith Leaders to Meet June 1-4 at Loyola University

Hands of Peace is a co-sponsor of this year's "Globalization for the Common Good" Conference.

MAJOR THEMES ARE

- 1) America's Role in World Affairs
- 2) The Role of the Global Interfaith Movement
- 3) The Global Environment
- 4) The Struggle for Social and Economic Justice and Human Rights

Come hear prominent religious and academic leaders from around the world speak on some of the pressing issues of the day.

Daily pass \$40/day. Cost for 4-day pass \$150.

Details and registration at www.gcgchicago2009.org

Questions? Contact Gretchen Grad gmgrad@comcast.net, 847-998-5576.

PYF

Congratulations to next year's Pilgrim Youth Fellowship Peer Leaders. They are Danny Baddeloo, Kevin Barron, Vince Gabuzzi, and Lisa Ruch. The PYF Peer Leaders develop programming and act as leaders of PYF throughout the year.

We honor these high school seniors:

Kate Armbruster
Anna Binstein
Emily Christian
Hillary Davis
William Fergus
Douglas Glynn
Colin Golding
Julie Halfen
Brian Hansen
Cailey Hinz
Sarah Holden
Connor Hund
Diane Hund
David Johnson
Torin Kilpatrick
Taylor Lauesen
Christine Leinbach
Mitchell Lochen
Tyeler Matsuo

Jennifer McGee
Jonathan Misek
Briana Oliver
George Paulson
Abbey Perl
Matthew Raebel
Sarah Richmond
Ryan Riordan
Alexander Santostefano
Sara Serota
Erin Sexton
Emily Shaw
Robert Shellard
Adam Snyder
Emily Sullivan
Andrew Sykes
Chelsea Watkins
Allison Zimmerman

PYF ReCap

We would like to thank the Congregation for their support this year. We have had a tremendous year. Please join us on May 31st for Youth Sunday, "Happy Birthday Church." The Senior Sermons this year will be given by Hillary Davis, Sarah Richmond, Cailey Hinz and Robby Shellard. Pilgrim Youth Fellowship Singers will also be participating in the worship. One of the pieces will be accompanied by Liturgical Dancers. Please join us for this Birthday Celebration.



Next year we have many of the same fellowship and service activities planned, including eSkape, packing sack suppers, hanging out, capture the flag. We will also have some smaller service trips available for those who would like them. The focus of our discussions next year will revolve around Destiny. The Fall Retreat will be October 3rd – 4th. We will also repeat the Ski/Water Park Winter Trip. Look for further details on PYF Registration, activities, retreats, and service opportunities for the 2009-2010 school year.



SERVICE

- 250 - Sack Lunches
- 70 - Birthday Bags
- 150 Plus - Hygiene Kits
- 34 - New Mother Kits
- 935 Packages of Cookies
- 50 - Easter Baskets
- Youth raised \$1,300 for Good News Kitchen
- Donation of time back to GCC
- Youth participation with Night Ministry Health Bus
- June 14-19 Work Camp with Youth Works!
(painting houses and working with children)



DISCUSSION THEME:

- Relationships for the Journey
- Retreats/Event Weekends
- Fall - Tower Hill Dating Relationships
- Winter - Skiing/Water Park Goal Setting
- Pretzel Making (Friday Night - Selling Sunday Morning)



FELLOWSHIP

- IRON CHEF
- EATING TOGETHER
- SCAVENGER HUNT
- PROGRESSIVE DINNER
- *OPEN GYM*
- TEAM BUILDING/
- CHURCH WIDE GAMES
- BOARD GAMES
- MINI-GOLF
- PYF COOKS
- ESCAPE



May, 2009

Friends,

The GCC Mission Outreach Board is happy to present the attached spreadsheet outlining the recommended benevolent giving allocations for 2009-2010. The basic MOB budget is based on 10% of the previous years received pledges.

The money is allocated to the categories of: health/mental health, advocacy, food, children and families, shelter/homelessness, international outreach, Our Churches Wider Mission and Chicago Theological Seminary. In addition, we have proposed a one time donation of \$1000 to Cornerstone and have committed to working on several outreach projects with that agency during the upcoming year.

The following is a partial list of outreach projects at GCC in the past year:

Good New Community Kitchen cooking and/or serving meals twice a month
1st Sunday food collection for Northfield Food Pantry and Iglesia San Lucas
Baby Bags for The Night Ministry
Souper Bowl collection
Cookie Collection for The Night Ministry outreach bus
Toy for Tots
Pasta Luigi
Adult Workcamp
PYF Workcamp
Monthly meals for Northside Housing and Supportive Services
Greater Chicago Food Depository work days
Set up apartment and continued support of refugee family
Back to school bags
Dry soup jars for the Northfield Pantry
Collection of cold weather items and sale of blankets for The Night Ministry
Choosing international child agencies for sponsorship through UCC Global
Serving the homeless with The Night Ministry bus

Thank you all for your contributions to mission outreach at GCC,

Glenview Community Church Missions Outreach Board

Cindy Dailey, Bill Ryan, Diane Carroccia, Nan Conser, Kelly Golding, Mark Lefens, Tom Lutz, Nancy Mullarkey, Donna Peterson, Tracy Sawires, Cathy Shapiro, Nancy Winton

Missions Outreach Board		
2009		
		2009 Proposed
		<u>Allocations</u>
Starting number (10% of 2008 rec'd pledges)		<u>91,600</u>
40% (of 10%) to UCC/OCWM		-36,640
8% (of 10%) to Chicago Theological Seminary		-7,328
Amount to allocate for 2009		
2009 (pre 9/30/09 disbursement) spendable allocation from CCT		<u>21,600</u>
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS		69,232
		<u>TOTAL FROM</u>
Homelessness:		
Back Bay Mission		3,000
Connections for the Homeless		2,500
Good News Partners		3,000
Habitat for Humanity/Lake County		2,500
Interfaith Refugee/Immigration Services		3,500
Journeys from PADS to Hope		2,000
La Casa Norte		3,000
Night Ministry		3,000
Northside Housing and Supportive Services		3,000
Children and Families:		
Helping Hands		1,500
Kids Club/now By the Hand		2,000
LEAP		3,000
Onward House:Operating Budget		2,000
Wesley Day Care		2,000
Youth Services: Operating Budget		3,500
Hunger:		
Iglesia San Lucas UCC		3,500
Northfield Food Pantry		1,500
Good News Community Kitchen		2,000
Health Services/Mental Health:		
Family Service Center		2,500
Interfaith House (also housing)		3,000
New Foundation (formerly Wilpower)		4,000
International:		
Hands of Peace		6,000
UCC Global Ministries child sponsorship (4)		1,500
Advocacy:		
Arise(formerly Chicago Interfaith Committee on Worker Rights)		2,000
Community Renewal Society		2,700
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Specific Projects for 2009		
Cornerstone		1,000
Total Disbursements		69,200

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:30 am - 4:30 p.m.

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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*

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
5-28	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Rm, Sanctuary
Fri	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
	6:00 pm	Youth Sunday Rehearsal & Dinner, Mayflower Rm
5-29	8:00 pm	AA Mtg., Parlor
	8:00 pm	AI - Anon Meeting, Rm 201
Sat	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
5-30	10:00 am	Memorial Service, Margaret Roberts
Sun	9:30 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary
5-31	11:00 am	New Membership Orientation, Chapel
Mon	12:00 pm	Career Networking, Plymouth Rm
6-1	7:00 pm	Finance Board Mtg., Founders Rm
	7:00 pm	Pilgrim Wind Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Career Networking, Plymouth Rm
	7:00 pm	Personnel Task Force, Rm 201
Tues	7:00 pm	Properties Board, Library
6-2	7:00 pm	GCC Book Club, Parlor
	7:00 pm	Pilates, Rm 201
Wed	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
6-3	6:30 pm	BSA Troop 156, Gym
	7:00 pm	Venture Crew, Rm 210

Office Summer Hours 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Office summer hours begin June 15 through August 7, 2009.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please check your directory to make sure all the information is correct. If you have any changes to be made, please email them to Jane Payne - -jane.payne@gccucc.org.

DEADLINE FOR ALL CHANGES WILL BE JUNE 5, 2009

Broadcaster Deadlines

The following dates are summer deadlines for the Broadcaster. Please remember that all articles need to be received by 9:00 a.m. the week before.

Summer Deadlines

6-3-09, 7-8-09, 8-12-09,

Beginning the new church program year
8-19-09, 8-26-09 and continuing weekly.

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