

SUMMER

The last two churches I have served – GCC and Union UCC in Green Bay – are different in the summer months – June-August - than they are through the other three seasons - September-May. And, in recent years, we've been sliding out of and into summer in a way that makes September and May transitional months. There are three main differences for GCC during the summer: fewer special events in worship, a more informal feel, and lower attendance! It's that third difference that surprised me 23 years ago. Before Union UCC in Green Bay and GCC, the attendance in the churches I served remained pretty steady through all four seasons. I'll never forget walking into the Union Church sanctuary for worship on Memorial Day Sunday in 1995 and nearly gasping at the empty pews. The usual 200 had dwindled to about 60! After worship, one stalwart Union Church member said to me, "We're nine month Christians here!"

I wouldn't go that far, but other opportunities certainly do present themselves in summer. And opportunities for family, and travel, and just enjoying decent weather really are renewing, and recreational, and spiritual in their own way.

This summer at GCC our worship will be less formal. Each Sunday we'll begin with a hymn sing. One of the temptations in hymn sings is to luxuriate in our favorites. The last time we did this, the most frequent request was **Go, Tell it on the Mountain**: something I never expected in summer! My hope this summer is that we'll page through the hymnal and choose some hymns we don't know – hymns we'd like to at least experience once, if not learn, because their words

hook us. And, when words are married to music, the inspiration and the impact are more than the sum of the two parts. So let's play with it!

On Sunday, June 3, we experimented with prepared communion element packs - a little piece of bread and cup of juice in a plastic container with a peel-back seal. We used these because the construction project has taken our kitchen temporarily out of commission. Even though some churches use them as a matter of course including Trinity UCC in Chicago, the largest church in the UCC - they're very different. But you all experimented with them with a great spirit of adventure. I heard everything from *It tasted bad*, to *It worked*, to *I didn't* mind it at all, to It was kind of like a Happy *Meal* (my personal favorite). Isn't *Happy* **Meal** a great description for experiencing Jesus' love in bread and cup? I'm so grateful for your good spirit. Keep it up, because we're going to have to be flexible about more things than communion through this year of construction. But what a blessing the results will be!

Through this summer, find your way to worship when you can. We often lift up our congregational identity as definitional for who we are. And, at its core, congregational means that we *congregate*, even in the summer! As we do, invite someone to come along with you: not because we need more people in the pews who will put more money in the offering plate – but because we need to share the amazing, abundant, inclusive, welcoming love of God that we know in Jesus Christ with others. For our

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WORSHIP 10:00 AM JUNE

THIRD SUNDAY IN TRINITY

Scripture:

Sermon: *Like a Moth to a Flame* Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

JUNE

FOURTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY

Scripture: I Samuel 15:34-16:13

II Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 Mark 4:26-34

Sermon: *A Mustard Seed Faith* Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

<u>JUNE</u>

FIFTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY

Scripture: Il Corinthians 61-13 Mark 4:35-41

Sermon:

Open Wide Your Hearts
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize



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All Things New

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present vitality and our future relevance, sharing this love is even more foundational for our identity than is congregational. It's the tagline we've been using: **A House for All God's People**. In this house of God's people, we must be ever striving to make certain that all really does mean **ALL**, and that the foundation of this house is God's love in Jesus Christ. See you, and your friends, in church!

Chuck Mize

CHILDREN AND TEEN FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

To streamline communication in the Children and Teen Faith Formation Ministry, I am going to regularly post in the Broadcaster.

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL: Summer Church school will meet from June 3 to August 26. Each week children age 5 – 4th grade will start in worship and then leave after **FOR CHILDREN MOSTLY**, have a Bible lesson, a craft and then end in the gym. June 3 we started with Proverbs 2:6 "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;" Upcoming Sundays include stories about trust, the Holy Family, and stories about Jesus' life. 5th and 6th grade children can act as helpers or remain in worship with their parents.

MISSION TRIP TO LOUISVILLE JUNE 10-15: PYF's Mission Trip this year is to Louisville where our young people and adult leaders will serve God by serving the community of Louisville. The Youth-Works' mission trip theme this year is "Onward." We move onward in God's love. Please pray for us as we travel, serve Louisville and grow our understanding of God's love and helping our neighbor.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 6-10: This year we are partnering with Holy Trinity and St Philips. VBS will be from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This is for preschool to grade 5. There is opportunity for middle schoolers and high schoolers to help. We also we need shepherds and adult helpers. Please sign up! It is going to be a wonderful and vibrant program this year. You can follow this link to register your child or as a volunteer. http://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/stphtlegce

7TH - 12 THE GRADE AUGUST RETREAT TO TOWER HILL

AUGUST 10-12: 9th-12th graders will stay two nights and the 7th and 8th graders will spend one night. The youth will enjoy the beach, the dunes, team building as well as activities focusing on this year's theme **Active Faith**. The cost for 7th and 8th grade is \$115 and the cost for PYF (both nights) \$145. Please send in a check to GCC attn: Chris Calandra.

I am looking forward to an active summer of learning and discovering. Next month will feature updates on next year's program year. Please let me know if you have any questions, ideas or suggestions.

SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT GCC

The Awareness & Invitation team is looking for your help in getting Glenview Community Church more visible in the community this summer. Please volunteer to help at these upcoming events and let your friends and neighbors know about GCC.

- 1) **GLENVIEW SUMMER FEST** June 30: GCC will have a booth at this event to showcase our many programs and activities. We could still use some volunteers to help at our booth. Please contact Kara Clark (*kara.l.clark@comcast.net*) for more information.
- 2) GCC SIMPLE GIFTS CONCERT Glenview Concert Band Lawn Concert – July 1: Invite your neighbors to join us on the south lawn of GCC at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 1, to hear the Glenview Concert Band play patriotic favorites.
- 3) **GLENVIEW 4TH OF JULY PARADE** We need volunteers to decorate our float, carry the GCC banner, and march in the 4th of July parade. Please contact Karen Ornduff, 847-917-8226, if you are able to participate in getting GCC's name out in front of the community at the 4th of July parade.

And what better way to broadcast GCC's name than by proudly wearing a new GCC t-shirt! Beginning June 10, the Awareness & Invitation team will be selling new GCC spirit wear for \$15. Please stop by the narthex after the worship service to help support and spread the word about GCC.

GIVING GLIMPSE APRIL 2018

The Message, Ministries and Mission of Glenview Community Church thrive because you fulfill your stewardship commitments and make faithful contributions. It is essential that we remain current in our giving and ensure the fiscal health of the church. In the midst of our busy lives, we offer you this update reminder to keep in focus our progress on completing our financial commitments to GCC. This Financial Snapshot will be updated monthly and included in the worship bulletin and Broadcaster.

	YTD	Over/(Under)Budget
Pledge Fulfillment	\$350,936	\$28,136
Other Income	\$ 92,873	\$23,624
Expenses	\$478,754	\$10,403
Net Total	(\$34,945)	\$41,357

SUMMARY: We are \$41,357 better than budget through April. Our approved budget defines an annual deficit of \$79,779, so if the balance of the year holds plan, we will end 2018 with an operating deficit of \$38,422.



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Event Time	Event Name	Primary Loca
Saturday, 09 June 2	018	
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Men's Open Gym	Gym
Sunday, 10 June 20	18	
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:01 AM to 11:40 AM	Refreshments & Fellowship	Narthex
Tuesday, 12 June 20	018	
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Ministry Steering Committee Groups	Gym
Saturday, 16 June 2	018	
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Men's Open Gym	Gym
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Pieter Fockens Memorial Service	Sanctuary
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM	Pieter Fockens Memorial Reception	Gym
Sunday, 17 June 20	18	
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:01 AM to 11:40 AM	Refreshments & Fellowship	Narthex
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Baseball Sunday	OFF SITE
Wednesday, 20 June	e 2018	
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM	Chapter 20 Meeting	Chapel
Sunday, 24 June 20	18	
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:01 AM to 11:40 AM	Refreshments & Fellowship	Narthex
Tuesday, 26 June 20	018	
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Spiritual Council Meeting	Gym
Sunday, 01 July 201	8	
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:01 AM to 11:40 AM	Refreshments & Fellowship	Narthex
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Glenview Concert Band Lawn Concert/South Lawn	Sanctuary
Sunday, 08 July 201	8	
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:01 AM to 11:40 AM	Refreshments & Fellowship	Narthex

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS JULY 11, BY 9:00 AM

2018 SUMMER MUSIC /MOVEMENT

Summer **Music and Movement** classes for young children will be offered on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at GCC in Room 107. Classes will be held at 9:15 and 10:15 for children ages 6 months - 5 years. Summer classes will be offered as "drop in" classes to accommodate your busy summer schedules. "Sign –Up Genius" will be our mode of registration.

TUESDAYS: JUNE 5, 12, 19, 26 JULY 10, 17, 24, 31

WEDNESDAYS: JUNE 6, 13, 20, 27 JULY 11, 18, 25 AUGUST 1

If you wish to be on the e-mail distribution for this registration process or have any questions, please contact Debbie Berg at debbieberg23@gmail.com Non-GCCNS families are welcome as well, so share the information with your friends and neighbors that might be interested. We hope to see YOU this summer.



ation LIFE EVERLASTING

We trust the promise of the resurrection for our longtime member, **Don Scholz**, even as we hold **Don's wife Christine and their family** in our prayers. Don passed away peacefully at Brandel Care Center on Wednesday evening, May 30, just a month after he celebrated the joy of attaining his 100th birthday on April 28. Arrangements are pending.

We will give thanks for the life of **Pieter Fockens** and trust him to the everlasting care of our God at a memorial service at Glenview Community Church on Saturday, June 16 at 11 a.m...and for the life of **Marietta Paynter** at a Celebration of Life service at Ravinia on Sunday, June 24 at 1 p.m.

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS FOR AJH

While for many of us summer is a break in the routine and time to enjoy the outdoors, **A Just Harvest (AJH)** continues to serve the needs of hundreds of Chicagoans who suffer from food deprivation year-round. GCC has been a partner for **AJH** for 35 years. Because of the that dedication, and the support of many organization, **AJH** continues to deliver on their promise to provide good, nutritious meals every day to people in difficult circumstances. We are looking for GCC volunteers for the following dates to make sure the need is met:

SUNDAYS (leave the church at 3:30 p.m.) **July 1 and September 2.**

WEDNESDAYS (leave the church at 4:00 p.m.) **June 20, and August 15.**

Please respond to <u>Sandra-frantz@sbcglobal.net</u> or Linda Crowder at <u>lccrowder@Comcast.net</u>.

ANNUAL PRIDE PARADE

The Annual Pride Parade will be on Sunday June 24 from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Broadway Street area of Chicago. The Parade takes around 2 hours to complete and covers about a 2-2½ mile route. GCC will be participating as part of the Congregation of Welcoming Churches (CWC) for the 5th year. We are looking for GCC members who would like to join the team and show support for the LGBTQ community. If you are interested in participating in the Parade please contact Linda Crowder at lccrowder@comcast.net (847-922-6827) or Betsy Martin at betsywisemartin@att.net for more information regarding the parade day events and logistics. The CWC is looking at adding a designated viewing area for those who want to show support but would prefer not to walk the whole route. Please let us know if you would prefer to participate in this way.

There will also be a pride support brunch and reception, *Sharing Light, Sharing Faith in Divided Times!* on Saturday, June 16 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This year the brunch will be hosted by Irving Park United Methodist Church, 3801 N Keeler, Chicago, IL 60641. They are located just off the Kennedy Expressway and within walking distance from the Blue Line Irving Park stop. Please let Linda or Betsy know if you are interested in attending this event.



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Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize, Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, Pastor Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, Associate Pastor for Youth and Children

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

REGULAR SUMMER CHURCH HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. SATURDAY: closed

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

PONDERING IN SILENCE

Each year at the Confirmation Retreat, the confirmands are asked to reflect on a problem or issue that really concerns them, and how they might begin to address it. This issue was mentioned by several.

Our earth is being polluted. We need to spend more time focusing on the earth and how to make it better and safer.

