

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION REFLECTIONS

At the 8th grade Confirmation Retreat the Confirmands were asked this question: "What is one problem or issue in my hometown, my country, or the world that really concerns you?" Here are some of their thoughts.

- The hate people have for each other... because hate is powerful and can hurt or even kill,
- It concerns me that teen depression is such a hidden matter. Kids suffer inside with no help because they are embarrassed and feel alone,
- Peoples' pride and not thinking of others,
- The Israeli conflict and how we can find peace together,
- People who get so wrapped up in their own needs and life and forget what's important,
- World hunger,
- Sexism against women,
- Using religion as an excuse for hating or excluding people,
- · Global warming,
- Peoples' inability to forgive and forget,
- The Iraq War,
- Drama and stress worrying about nonimportant things in life,
- The economy,
- Some people who used to be my friends resorted to taking drugs.

Prayers of our newly confirmed members:

- I pray to do the best in everything I do.
- Watch over us as we take a new adventure being a member of GCC.
- God, help us work together, work hard, and be united in GCC and with you.
- Help us have the will power to help others.

- Dear Lord, may you please guide us in our journey to become a full-fledged member of this church.
- God, help us to lead good lives. We are all unique, but united in your name. Help us to help and guide others in need. Help us to fix the problems with our planet and guarantee a good future for those who come after us.
- Help us to be completely content, always, regardless of what's happening.
- Dear God, thank you for everything you bless us with, both the good things that make me happy and the hard things that make me grow. Please help me know and follow your will for my life so I can help the world.
- I pray I will have many opportunities in life to make a difference.
- I pray peace will be reached in the world.
- I pray crimes will not be committed so people can live safe lives.
- I pray for a better tomorrow, which means a stronger Christian today. Now I am confirmed, it is just a word to say my faith journey is only beginning of a life with new faith obstacles.
- Dear God, I pray you allow me to explore our relationship and ask questions. I pray every day I grow closer to you. You have made me the strong person I am today.
- God, be with each of us, guiding us in the right direction; helping us to make good decisions, and teaching us to love one another.

Amen.

WORSHIP SERVICES

JUNE 24, 2012

9:30 a.m.

Community Worship

Scripture:

Mark 4:35-41 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 **Sermon:** "In The Boat Together" Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

JULY 1, 2012

9:30 a.m.

Community Worship

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Doug Busby

JULY 8, 2012

9:30 a.m.

Community Worship

Sermon: Ellizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini

JULY 15, 2012

HANDS OF PEACE SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Community Worship

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Doug Busby

JULY 4, 2012

The building will be closed.

SUMMER WORSHIP

Summer worship continues each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. through Labor Day Sunday, September 2. There is a Children's Message each week, followed by Summer Sunday school activity, including time in the garden. Childcare is available for young children.

SUMMER OFFICE AND BUILDING HOURS

Summer Hours are now in effect through August 13. The office will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The building will be open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday/ Sunday 8:30 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. Please call ahead if you have a special need or request, as staff are working on various summer projects in the building during this time.

PLANNING FOR SUMMER

As you begin to plan for a summer full of activities, please add one more activity to your list; your periodic pledge contribution. Whether you contribute weekly, monthly or otherwise during the "school year", please continue that same pattern during the summer. Cash receipts during the summer months have historically been low and every contribution makes a big difference. Wishing you a wonderful summer!

Rob Hevey, Treasurer

PASTORAL CARE

Our sympathy is extended to AI TeRonde and his family on the passing of AI's mother Annette TeRonde on May 26, 2012. Let us keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Our sympathy is extended to Bryce Adams on the passing of his father, Charles Adams on June 5, 2012 as well as his mother, Elizabeth who died this past April. We offer our prayers to Bryce and his family.

Memorial Service for Bert Wagner will be Monday, June 25, 11:00 a.m. at GCC, with a reception following.

Memorial Service for Lucy Ding, former Adult Choir Director at GCC will be on June 24, 2:00 p.m. at Divine Word Chapel at Techny.



WEIGHT TRAINING FOR ALL LEVELS

Join us for this unique exercise class that incorporates weights in achieving your fitness goal. This class is for all levels-- those who have never lifted a weight, to those who are very comfortable using them. (3-5 lb. weights) All ages are encouraged to attend. We are fortunate to have Helen White, Certified Personal Trainer who will work with your individual needs. Helen facilitates classes at various north shore locations. We meet on Thursdays from 11:00 -11:45 a.m. in the Mayflower Room. These are drop in classes so you may come every Thursday or whenever you can. Donation is \$10.00 per class.

NOTE:

Class on July 5 will be in the Chapel.

YOGA CLASSES

Need to improve your balance, strength and flexibility and feel good about yourself? Join us for basic yoga on Thursdays from 9-10 am in the Narthex.

Instructor Kelly Golding, RYT-200 facilitates these classes which benefit your body, mind and spirit. Donation is \$10.00 per class. As these are drop in classes, come when it is convenient for you.

NOTE:

Class on July 5 will be in the Chapel and there will not be a class on August 2.

Try these classes --you'll be glad you did!

COMMON GROUND

GCC will hold a *Common Ground* presentation on Friday, June 22 in the Founder's Room at 7:00 p.m. A donation of \$10 is requested at this session and refreshments will be served. Please mark your calendars now and invite a friend



FRIDAY, JUNE 22 Water and the World -Reimagining Our Future presented by Nancy Tuchman and Jim Kenney

The most serious resource crisis facing Earth and its people does not center on oil and other energy resources. It is, rather, the fresh water crisis. Water - the elixir of life has shaped every human society. In this lecture, Nancy and Jim will explore the three ages of water. The first was defined by water's scarcity. The second, launched the Industrial Revolution, made water a commodity, available in even the driest landscapes. The third age, just beginning, is our own. Population pressures and lifestyles are draining aquifers. We'll take a careful scientific and cultural look at the implications and some possible scenarios.

Thanks for planning to come.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation Registration for Next Fall – Incoming 7th Grade

Now is the time to register for Confirmation class next fall. You should have received a form and letter in the mail. If not, please pick one up in the church office or email Rev. Keckler at <u>pam.keckler@gccucc.org</u>. Deadline to register is June 30, 2013.

HANDS OF PEACE FAREWELL DINNER WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

6:00-8:30 PM Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation 303 Dodge Ave, Evanston

Please join us for our Farewell Dinner, where you can see and hear for yourselves the impact that Hands of Peace is having on the Israeli, Palestinian, Arab Israeli, and American participants.

A delicious Middle Eastern dinner and a silent auction will be followed by cultural performances by the Hands of Peace participants. You will also hear reflections from participants and staff, and the annual Olive Branch Award will be announced. This year, tickets are specially priced at only \$25. Purchase tickets online starting June 15: <u>www.handsof peace.org</u> or make check payable to Hands of Peace, and write Farewell Dinner on the memo line. Send checks to Amy Cohen, Assistant Program Director, HOP, 1000 Elm St. Glenview IL 60025

Silent auction donations of any magnitude for this event are needed and greatly appreciated. Contact Carrie Muehlbauer at <u>careee@</u> <u>gmail.com</u> or (847)712-6196.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's author and illustrator, Eric Carle, shares his distinctive style and his love for God's creatures in unforgettable picture books. Join Diane Christiansen and me as we explore Eric's works and related Bible passages in "Going Buggy". This six week study, began on June 3, incorporates prayer, art, science, and fellowship. Children will begin the 9:30 a.m. Community Worship in the Sanctuary with their families, adjourn to class after a children's message, and assist T.O.P.P.S. gardeners in the Rainbow Garden, where they will meet their parents at the end of the hour. Appropriate dress and shoes are recommended.

Looking forward to seeing you and your children then ! Kathy Lifton

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

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THUR	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex
6/21	11:00 AM	Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm
FRI	7:00 PM	Common Ground, Founders Rm
6/22	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201
SAT	6/23	Building is Open from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
SUN	9:30 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary
6/24	9:30 AM	Summer Sunday School, begins in the Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Time, Narthex
MON	9:30 AM	Finding My Spirit, Parlor
6/25	11:00 AM	Memorial - Bert Wagner, Sanctuary
TUES	7:00 PM	Executive Board Mtg., Mayflower Rm
6/26		
WED	7:00 PM	HOP Educational Session, Mayflower Rm
6/27		
THUR	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex
6/28	11:00 AM	Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm
	1:00 PM	Alzheimer's & Related Dementias Support Group, Parlor
FRI	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
6/29	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201
SAT	6/30	Building is Open from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
SUN	9:30 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary
7/1	9:30 AM	Summer Sunday School, begins in the Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Time, Narthex
	2:00 PM	HOP Education Session, Mayflower Rm
MON	7:00 PM	HOP Orientation Session, Mayflower Rm
7/2		
TUES	7/3	no scheduled meetings
WED	7/4	Building Closed for Independence Day
THUR	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Chapel
7/5	11:00 AM	Countdown to Fitness, Chapel
FRI	9:00 AM	HOP Expansion Committee, Rm 210
7/6	2:30 PM	Organ Historical Society Concert, Sanctuary
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting, Rm 201
SAT	7/7	Building is Open from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
SUN	9:30 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary
7/8	9:30 AM	Summer Sunday School, begins in the Sanctuary

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

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OFFICE SUMMER HOURS Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

We seek rest where there is no rest, and therefore are uneasy. God is the True Rest who wants to be known. God finds pleasure in being our true resting place. God is everything that is good, and the goodness that everything possesses is God. God wants us to allow ourselves to see God continually. For God wants to be seen and wants to be sought. God wants to be awaited and wants to be trusted.

Julian of Norwich, England (c. 1342- c. 1419)