

COMMUNITY

"Community. Somewhere, there are people to whom we can speak with passion without having the words catch in our throats. Somewhere a circle of hands will open to receive us, eyes will light up as we enter, voices will celebrate with us whenever we come into our power. Community means strength that joins our strength to do the work that needs to be done. Arms to hold us when we falter. A circle of healing. A circle of friends. Someplace where we can be free." (Starhawk – from Spiritual Literacy)

I've led many retreats in my pastoral career. I've attended many retreats as a participant. One of my favorite retreats is the 8th grade Confirmation overnight. I can read the beliefs that have been shaped and formed by each individual over the past two years and then lived out that weekend. It's always a high point of my spring.

Something that is becoming just as meaningful is the Community Youth Retreat which happened recently at our Tower Hill Camp in Sawyer, Michigan. Elizabeth Ciccolini and the PYF youth invited our 7th and 8th grade Confirmands and their teachers to an overnight experience of learning, talking about faith issues, fellowship and recreation. It's amazing to see tentative, quiet, new Confirmands enter unfamiliar space and territory, only to be greeted by an older youth who makes them feel comfortable and part of community. A circle of new friends. Special thanks to our high school youth for their compassion and leadership.

Twice a month several people gather in the kitchen to make chili for A Just Harvest and have been doing so for more than 25 years! A recent article about the group says, "We love the camaraderie of cooking together in the basement kitchen." Imagine 25 pounds of meat for four pots of chili to feed 200 people. Doing the work that needs to be done month after month.

We are a community church opening our doors to all and to be there as a leader or listener. Some of our members are new and others have a long history here. We have celebrated together and cried together. There have been arms to hold us when we falter. We have formed more than one circle of healing for one another.

We have been moved in worship by God's spirit. We have heard the youth share sermons that push us to think and act as we witness to others of God's love and care. We have heard beautiful music and laughed with children. We have spoken out for the rights of some through community action and helped others put their home together for the first time in a strange country.

As we look to the fall season, it's time to make plans to attend Rally Day. You are invited to Family Worship on Sunday, September 9 at 10:00 a.m. There will be special music, puppets, and some surprises. We'll recognize our Sunday school teachers, Confirmation teachers and youth leaders as we bless them for the coming educational year. Sunday school classes will begin the following week. Childcare will be provided in the nursery.

I know...some of you are waiting for when the time of transition is over and we have a permanent senior minister before you come to church. Do you realize you could be missing a blessing of being with community each time you are not present? Do you realize the community misses you? Now is when we need one another! So make a new commitment to "rally around" September 9 and join us at 10:00 a.m. Then stay for the picnic!

Come join us --

Pam

WORSHIP SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 2, 2012

Communion and Hymn Sing

9:30 a.m.

Community Worship

Scripture:

Psalm 57; James 1:17-27

Sermon:

"The Deception of Passive Faith" Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

Rally Day

10:00 a.m.

Community Worship

Scripture:

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 James 2:1-10, 14-17

Sermon:

"Rejoice in Having and Sharing" Rev. Dr. Doug Busby

SEPTEMBER 16, 2012

10:00 a.m.

Community Worship

Scripture:

Psalm 29 Mark 8:27-38

Sermon:

"Who Are You, Jesus?" Rev. Dr. Doug Busby

WORSHIP HOURS

Summer worship continues through September 2 at 9:30 a.m. Community Worship on Rally Day, September 9 will begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until May 19, 2013.

The church office and building will be closed September 3 for the Labor Day holiday. We will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning, September 4.

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education programs begin on Rally Day. Plan to take part.

Adult Education September programs: Rally Day Sunday, September 9GCC and the Emergent Church

Wednesday, September 12
Women's Association Lecture Series

Sunday, September 16A Conversation with Dave Aki

Sunday, September 23PYF Mission in Minnesota

Wednesday, September 26 The Lord's Prayer

Sunday, September 30Walking With Stones, Bill Schmidt

Sunday morning programs start at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel. More details coming soon.

60 PLUSWELCOME BACK LUNCHEON

Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 12:00 noon in the Mayflower Room.

It's exciting to begin another season of our famous 60 Plus Luncheons. Join us for an afternoon enjoying home made soup, bread, and delicious dessert.

Our special guest will be Helen White, coach and personal trainer who teaches at various facilities in the North Shore and also facilitates a weight training class at GCC. She will present ways to exercise and weight train for all ages. Some of the best weights may be the can goods you have in your pantry. Come and have fun with us! You're invited to bring a friend.

Need a ride? Call Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse at (847)724-2210 ext. 230.

HEALING TOUCH

Healing Touch one hour sessions are being donated by GCC member Susan Johnson of *Healing2Mend*. Sessions will be in the GCC Chapel on September 20 from 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. There is no charge for sessions. A donation box will be available for those wishing to leave a donation to GCC.

Healing Touch can benefit you by:

Reducing stress, easing acute and chronic conditions, decreasing pain, creating a sense of well being, promoting wound healing, enhancing surgical recovery, supporting cancer care, calming anxiety and depression.

For more information on Healing Touch, go to <u>www.healingtouchprogram.com</u> and view a short, 9 minute video.

To request an appointment email Susan Johnson with your requested time to <u>s.h.johnson@comcast.net</u> or call and leave a message at (847)804-6363.



RALLY DAY

Rally Day worship begins next week on September 9 at 10:00 AM. It will include family worship, puppets, music, dedication of our teachers and much more. A picnic and fun will follow later that morning. Sunday school and confirmation classes will officially begin the following week. Invite a friend and join us!

MEMORIAL SERVICES

A memorial service for Darina Stanley will be held on Saturday, September 1 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

A memorial service for Micky Johnson will be held on Saturday, September 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

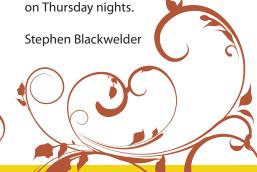
CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsals beginning... After a well-deserved summer break, the

After a well-deserved summer break, the GCC Chancel Choir will resume regular weekly rehearsals on Thursday, August 30th at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. As your new Director of Adult Choirs, I am really looking forward to beginning my work with both our returning and new choir members. Those of you who have sung with this experienced and dedicated choir know the ropes and I'm eager to "earn my stripes" with you. But how will our NEW choir members know to hear and accept the call to join us?

My guess is that a number of you have been impressed and probably moved by the choral singing you've heard in worship at GCC. If deep down you've always known that you liked to sing and wanted to be part of a great choir, now is your moment to "try us on for size." In fact, a new conductor gives you the perfect opportunity to try something new in your own life. Maybe your kids are now away at college and you'd like a new challenge. Maybe you remember the emotional bonds forged in your high school or college choir--- or maybe you're a veteran church musician just waiting to be invited.

Together, longtime members and those of us "newbies" will explore what makes a great choir happen. It's a special "custom mix" of many ingredients: musical encouragement and education, motivated and committed people who regularly surpass their own expectations and the knowledge that we grow in depth and understanding of Christ's call in our lives. As you know, singing can be energizing, comforting, challenging and inspiring--- and that's just in the rehearsals! Plus, I plan to have a lot of fun getting to know each of you and helping you make your best contribution.

There are no auditions, hazings (just kidding...) or probationary periods. If you have questions, please contact me at <u>stephen@gccucc.org</u> or just come to watch a rehearsal on Thursday nights.



GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH'S CHILI COOKS ARE SUNDAY SCHOOL



VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR FOR A JUST HARVEST

Carolyn Keller, Sue Hunt, Barb Smith and Dori Hirsch are the four GCC members that come down to our kitchen the third Wednesday afternoon of every month to prepare chili to serve between 180 to 200 patrons at A Just Harvest Community Kitchen that evening. They are ably assisted by Bud Herrmann, who opens the dozen giant cans of ingredients and occasionally by substitute cooks such as Nan Hinchsliff and Marion Alexanian. These four volunteers will be featured, along with volunteers from other AJH participant organizations, in the yearly AJH publication and will be honored at the annual fundraising banquet to be held on October 14 this year. It would be great to have GCC members there to cheer for them!

GCC has been supporting the AJH Community Kitchen (formerly called Good News Community Kitchen) for twenty-seven years, sending eight volunteers twice a

month to serve the meal that we provide. These gals represent the many volunteers who have participated in this hands-on mission and GCC is grateful for each and every one of them! If you would like to join a group going to The Community Kitchen this fall we have several open dates: Sundays (from 3:15 PM to 7 PM) on October 7 and November 4. Wednesdays (from 3:45 PM to 7:30 PM) on October 17, November 21 and December 19. Sign up as an individual, a family group, a group of friends or as a board or chapter.

For more information about the AJH banquet or about volunteering please contact Sandy Frantz, 847-998-6696 or sandrafrantz@sbcglobal.net.

Congratulations, Dori, Sue, Carolyn and Barb! The patrons at The Community Kitchen love your chili!

COMMUNITY RENEWAL SOCIETY HIGH HOPES

Chicago teenagers are arrested more often at school during school hours than at any other time or place. These arrests result in suspensions, expulsions and incarceration of youth who, Community Renewal Society's High Hopes Campaign works to convince the Chicago Public Schools to replace many suspensions and expulsions

intervention and conflict mediation. The Board has agreed to reduce the minimum length of suspensions to 5 days from 10 and give principals greater discretion in their use. The rect spending from suspension and expulsion proceedings to building the capacity of schools to implement restorative justice.

The 2012-2013 Sunday school begins on September 16. Join us in Community Worship at 10:00 a.m. on Rally Day, September 9, to kick-off the year. Please stay for lunch and fellowship activities after the service. Look for the Sunday school table to pick up information and meet the teachers and members of the Children's Board. I look forward to seeing you and your children.

Kathy Lifton

CONFIRMATION

Incoming 7th Grade

If you intend to register your child for Confirmation, please do so now. Forms are available in the church office or contact Rev. Keckler.

8th grade Confirmation

You will return to the same class and teacher this fall, so no need to register. Please let us know of any updates.

Confirmation Classes will begin September 16, 2012. Families are invited to Rally Day worship on September 9 at 10:00 a.m.

PYF-SEPTEMBER

Pilgrim Youth Fellowship will meet Sunday's from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Youth room in the month of September. The PYF theme this year is *Opening Doors*. Each week we will discuss topics that relate to ways in which we connect to ourselves, the community or the world around us.

SEPTEMBER 2

No PYF

SEPTEMBER 9

Rally Day: Extreme Relay Races

SEPTEMBER 16

Game On! Come and enjoy your favorite games of all types.

SEPTEMBER 23

Candle Making!

SEPTEMBER 30

Progressive Dinner: Mugging, please bring a coffee mug and walk with us from member house to member house. We will eat our supper out of a mug!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

| THUR | 9:00 AM | GCC Yoga, Narthex |
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| 8/30 | 11:00 AM | Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm |
| | 6:30 PM | Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel |
| | 7:30 PM | Chancel Choir, Sanctuary |
| FRI | 8:00 PM | AA Meeting, Parlor |
| 8/31 | 8:00 PM | Al-Anon, Rm 201 |
| SAT | 8:30 AM | Building is Open until 1:00 p.m. |
| 9/1 | 10:00 AM | Memorial for Darina Stanely, Sanctuary |
| SUN | 9:30 AM | Community Worship, Sanctuary |
| 9/2 | 10:30 AM | Fellowship Time, Narthex |
| | 10:45 AM | Bell Rehearsal, Chapel |
| MON | | |
| 9/3 | | Building Closed for Labor Day Holiday |
| TUE | 1 | |
| 9/4 | 7:00 PM | Sing To Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary & Choir Rm |
| WED | | |
| 9/5 | 7:00 PM | BSA Troop 156 Meeting, Gym |
| THUR | 9:00 AM | GCC Yoga, Narthex |
| 9/6 | 11:00 AM | Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm |
| | 1:00 PM | Alzheimer's & Related Dementias Support Group, Parlor |
| | 6:30 PM | Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel |
| | 7:30 PM | Chancel Choir, Sanctuary |
| FRI | 8:00 PM | AA Meeting, Parlor |
| 9/7 | 8:00 PM | Al-Anon, Rm 201 |
| SAT | 8:00 AM | Executive Board Retreat, Off Site |
| 9/8 | 8:30 AM | Building is Open until 1:00 p.m. |
| SUN | 10:00 AM | Community Worship, Sanctuary |
| 9/9 | 11:00 AM | Fellowship Time Picnic Outside on the Lawn |
| | 11:15 AM | Joyful Ringers Bell Rehearsal, Bell Rm |
| | 4:00 PM | Voices of GCC, Rm 201 |
| | 4:00 PM | PYF, Youth Rm |
| MON | | |
| 9/10 | 9:30 AM | Finding My Spirit, Library |
| TUE | | |
| 9/11 | 7:00 PM | Sing To Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary & Choir Rm |
| WED | 8:30 AM | HOP Mailing, Founders Rm |
| 9/12 | 7:00 PM | BSA 156 Troop Meeting, Gym |

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS SEPTEMBER 5 AT 9:00 AM

THE RESALE SHOP

The Resale Shop's Opening for the 2012-2013 season is Wednesday, September 5. Consignments for the Fall/Winter season will be taken from September 5 through October 27, 2012. A complete list of our guidelines and our form can be obtained either in the Resale Shop (so stop on by) or you can find them on our website www.theresaleshopglenview.com

If you are new to consigning, stop on in so we can introduce ourselves and show you what-type of items we accept.

Our hours are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Both consignment and donations are welcome during the shops open hours. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Fergus at the shop (847) 724-2638.

GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL FALL OPFNINGS



HURRY! GCCNS has only a few openings left in their Preschool program starting this Fall. In addition to our NAEYC accredited Preschool Program, GCCNS offers a number of enrichment classes in Music, Spanish, Young Explorers, Lunch Bunch and a Parent's Day Out program. For the very young children, 2-24 months of age, GCCNS offers Baby Sign Language and Music & Movement! Feel free to visit our website at www.gccns.com and for more information contact Marcia Kiraly, marciak@gccucc.org or 847.729.1440.



MOVING MULCH MOUNTAINS

Eighteen Boy Scouts from Troop 156 along with nine of their adult leaders moved two mountains on Saturday, August 18th. These were mountains of soft fiber mulch which the Scouts hauled from the giant piles where it had been dumped in the Glenview Community Church parking lot, and spread evenly as a base for the preschool playground. Marcia Kiraly estimates that this service project saved the pre-school at least \$1,500.

September

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Adult Education 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel GCC and the Emergent Church

Rally Day at 10:00 a.m.

Will include family worship, puppets, music, dedication of our teachers and much more. A picnic and fun will follow later that morning.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Myra Loris - Chicago, City of Pestiferous Odors! Desert will be served at 7:00, Ms Loris will begin at 7:30 PM and speak for an hour. **Ticketed Event**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Adult Education 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel
A Conversation with Dave Aki

SEPTEMBER 18

60 Plus Luncheon at 12:00 noon in the Mayflower Room Join us for an afternoon enjoying home made soup, bread, and delicious dessert

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Healing Touch - 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. in the Chapel. (By Appointment Only)

Donated by GCC member Susan Johnson of Healing-2Mend.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Adult Education 9:00 a.m. in the ChapelPYF Mission in Minnesota

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Adult Education 7:00 p.m. in the Founders Room
Tom Aldrich will lead a discussion about John Dominic
Crossan's book about The Lord's Prayer.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Adult Education 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Walking With Stones, Bill Schmidt



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