Pilgrim's Progress

Here is how I concluded last week's Pilgrim's Progress. Let's get our "rally hats" on. With enthusiasm and encouragement for each other let's gather to worship on September 13. With enthusiasm and encouragement let's invite fellow members, friends, neighbors, and acquaintances to worship with us. We will be transformed and so will those whom we invite to join us. See you in church!

Here is what you can anticipate in worship on Rally Day. Everyone from kindergarten age through centenarians will begin the day in the sanctuary. The Children's, Chancel and Handbell Choirs will help lead the worship service. Early in the service Sunday school teachers and Confirmation teachers will be recognized and invited to lead their class members from the sanctuary to their classrooms. What a wonderful way for us to see and thank the host of volunteers who minister with our children and Confirmands! What an exciting way to see and welcome the host of children and Confirmands we have engaged in the ministry of GCC!

Music is a vital part of worship at GCC and that will certainly be the case on Rally Day as we benefit from the leadership of our choirs as well as joining together as a congregation to sing hymns that express our faith and challenge us to grow personally and spiritually. The sermon will encourage us to live in the complementary mood, pointing out that we spend too much time in the comparative or competitive mood. When we live in the complementary mood, we strengthen the congregation and contribute to the congregation being what we are called to be, a community of Christian faith that welcomes and engages all people in personal and spiritual growth.

During worship Lloyd Bettis, Vice Moderator, will share his faith journey as part of the series "My Faith – My Church." We began this series in May and hearing the faith journeys of fellow members has enriched our lives and encouraged us in our journeys. Lloyd will add to that enrichment and encouragement.

Following worship there will be activities for all ages on the lawn including hamburgers, hotdogs, and sandwiches for lunch. Make sure we have your lunch reservations so we can prepare for you. This event is sponsored and supported by Chapter 11 of the Women's Association. All proceeds will be contributed to the church to help with our revenue needs for 2009.

Don't miss the rally. Don't miss the exciting, engaging worship. Don't miss the fun and fellowship. Get into rally mood and join us at 9:30 on Sunday. See you in church!

Howard

Sunday School Program

The 2009 - 2010 Sunday school program begins on Sunday, September 13. Children will join their parents in the Sanctuary to begin the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Early in the service, the Sunday school teachers will be introduced and the students will follow them to class. Parents will be instructed as to where to pick up their children after the service. Please plan on remaining for the Rally Day festivities. Beginning on Sunday, September 20, Sunday school classes will be held at 10:30.

ATTENTION FAMILIES

Sunday School has e-mailed registration forms to all families with children newborn through sixth grade, who are currently in our database.

If you did not receive a form, please contact Chris Calandra at chris.calandra@gccucc. org and I will send you a pdf of the form to complete and bring in to church.

If you have received an email and have not replied, please do so.

We are looking forward to another great year of Sunday School at GCC--see you on Rally Day, September 13! September 2, 2009

SUNDAY SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

Family Worship Children's Message Family Communion

9:30 a.m.

Summer Music

Scripture:

John 21:1-12

Sermon:

"Breakfast Time!" Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

Nursery and toddler care will be provided.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2009 RALLY DAY

9:30 a.m.

Children's Choir, Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir

Scripture:

Psalm 119:33-40 Galatians 6:1-10

Sermon:

"Living in the Complementary Mood" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

Stewardship Sunday Mission Moment

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture:

Mark 12:41-44

Sermon:

"Where Love Meets" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts



Having been raised in an independent church; so independent that it did not join the newly forming United Church of Christ in the 50's, it means much to me to be in a non-creedal church. Not, that I don't have beliefs of my own, but I have no desire to make others take mine as theirs. One's individual journey to his or her relationship with God is a sacred one that each must travel, with the help of the church community, but ultimately alone with God. The "journey" for me is the core of my faith and it is supported by a denomination and a church that inspires me, everyday, to continue on my path. The church in which I was raised has changed its ways; it did not have a denomination such as the UCC to give the support to remain true to its purpose. A dear family friend, Rev. Dr. Lindsev in his late 90's and a leader in the Methodist Church of North Carolina has regaled me with stories of how he is learning more every day about his relationship with the divine and how he is still changing his mind about the

nature of that relationship. The journey not the destination is the goal. I give thanks everyday that my own journey can be straight or circumlocutory but remain true to what we are asked to do as members of the UCC; continue the journey. How blessed are we!

Long, have I been proud that my denomination has been at the forefront of social issues, including diversity. I believe we, UCC, (with some bumps in the road recently) remain the best hope for a diverse church that does not dictate either religious or social beliefs; but relies on the individual members' enlightened souls to reach beyond themselves to a greater all inclusive community that will reflect God's encompassing wholeness; so far beyond the minor differences (such as race, language, gender, and even species) we find here on earth.

Thank you to all of the staff and members at GCC for being my support in my journey. May I somehow return the favor.

Katie Gottfred, August 2009



The Joyful Ringers have begun thier rehearsals Thursdays from 6:15-7:20 p.m. We are currently looking for one "full time" ringer to join us. Contact Gary Wendt at X51 or email at gary.wendt@gccucc.org for more details.

GCC WALKERS

The next outing for the GCC Walkers is on September 13. We will be walking around a neighboring suburb's homes facing a very nice country club. We will leave after the single service at 9:30 a.m. Wear your walking gear to church. We will car pool from the north lot. Call this walk's leader, Steve Lindell, at 998-6806 with any questions you may have. All are welcome.

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RESALE SHOP OPENS

The GCC Women's **Association Resale** Shop opens for the season on Wed., Sept. 2. Come in and browse the new donations and consignments of adult and children's clothing, as well as small household items and miscellaneous. Make it a regular shopping stop, as there are always good bargains available. Proceeds



go to support many service organizations, ministries and missions. You need not be a member of the Women's Association to volunteer at the shop. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Addy Ford at either 998-0906 or addyford@comcast.net.

Mother Loss and Adult Daughters

A group for women of all ages whose mothers have died.

Glenview Community Church

Thursday Evenings 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. September 17 thru October 22, 2009

Facilitator

Barbe Creagh, Ph.D., FAMI, CT

Fee: \$90.00 (six sessions). If you are unable to pay this amount, we ask that you pay an amount which does not cause a hardship for you.

This group is also for GCC members and others. If your loved one was a Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care patient, the fee is waived.

Group size is limited and registration is required. For additional information or to register, please call:

Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Bereavement Services at (847) 692-8884 or e-mail to bcreagh@rainbowhospice.org

Co-sponsored by Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Health Care Parish Nurse

Confirmation

Classes begin on Rally Day Sunday, September 13. Come to worship in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. where students will be dismissed to their classes. We'll conclude at 10:30 a.m.. There will be a 7th grade parent meeting on September 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the Plymouth Room. The 8th grade parents will meet on September 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the Plymouth Room.

Watch for your mailing in September.

PYF SEPTEMBER

Youth Room, 4-6 p.m.

September 13 Rally Day!

Join for this great introduction to the year's events & plans & a fun game of Capture the Flag at Roosevelt Park. Meet in the youth room.

September 20 *Discussion Topic: Destiny.*

Fellowship activity: Splatter Paint. Bring shoes, shirts, pants, or a canvas bag to splatter paint.



September 27
Service: Birthday Bags.
Please bring items that would be good to help children who utilize the Northfield Food

Pantry celebrate birthdays. Cake mix, small toys, games, puzzles, candles, birthday hats, & paper goods. See you then.

PLANNED TRIPS FOR THE YEAR

October 3-4th

Tower Hill Retreat

Topic "Stress & Pressure"

Join us for our annual fall retreat to Tower Hill to enjoy time to relax, discussion, fun, the beach and a great bon fire in the evening. We will leave at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday Morning and return at 2 on Sunday afternoon. We will take a bus.

Cost: \$75 dollars **Due:** September 27th



Join us for our annual trip to the Wisconsin Dells. We will ski, swim and relax after the semester has ended. We will leave Friday morning at 7 am and return on Saturday night at 9 pm. The cost will be \$100 for tubing & the water park and \$130 for skiing and the water park.

Deposit: \$50

Due: December 13th

June 13 – 18th Work Camp Booneville, AK

This year we head to Booneville, AK in the Ozark Mountains to help with Kids Club and repair houses, paint houses, work in a community center and a senior center.

Cost: \$320 **Deposit:** of \$50 **Due:** January 3rd, 2010



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Marcia Kiraly, *Director, GCC Nursery School* Barbara Thewis, *Manager, Resale Shop*

At A Glance

Thurs	9:00 am	Resale Shop until 5:00 pm, Plymouth Rm	
9-3	7:00 pm	Troop 156 Patrol Leaders Council, Founders Rn	
Fri	9:00 am	Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm	
9-4	8:00 pm	AA Mtg., Parlor	
	8:00 pm	Al - Anon Meeting, Rm 201	
Sat	9:00 am	Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm	
9-5			
Sun	9:30 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary	
9-6	10:30 am	Fellowship Hour, Narthex	
Mon		Labor Day - Building Closed	
9-7			
Tues	7:00 pm	Pastoral Care Board, Rm 210	
9-8	7:00 pm	Adult Education Board, Founders Rm	
	7:00 pm	Membership Board, Parlor	
	7:30 pm	Cub Scout 156 Committee Mtg., Room 201	

Wed	9:0 am	WA Chapter 19, Parlor

9-9 9:00 am Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm 7:00 pm BSA Troop 156 Meeting, Gym, Mayflower Rm

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Pastoral Care

Funeral services were held for George Younanzadeh who died on August 25. Our prayers and sympathy to his family.

Our sympathy to the family of Betty Herrmann, who died August 30, 2009.

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