

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-7

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

NSRV Bible

Remember this saying: "A few seeds make a small harvest, but a lot of seeds make a big harvest." Each of you must make up your own mind how much to give. But don't feel sorry that you must give, and don't feel that you are forced to give. God loves people who love to give.

CEV Bible

The above Biblical passage in its traditional and contemporary versions reminds us that it's again time to think about our stewardship of the Church, specifically our church, Glenview Community Church. Broadly speaking, a steward is a person whose responsibility it is to take care of something that is not his or hers. In a theological sense, Christians share four premises on stewardship: everything belongs to God, we have no rights with God, God has the final say, and some day we will give an account of our stewardship to God. So we are not owners but stewards of Creation, to whom God has delegated authority, responsibility, and accountability in caring for what is, in reality, owned by God. And as the above and other biblical passages indicate, stewardship involves our willingly giving some of what we have, including our spiritual gifts, to support God's creative work.

In 2 Corinthians Paul reminds us that the faithful steward who sows generously even in tough times will be rewarded with a bountiful harvest. We believe that this is reflected in a wonderful church facility, staff and cadre of volunteers that provide not only for worship, teaching, and fellowship, but also for our outreach – virtually every day of the year. As you decide how to support our church financially in the coming year, you might wish to consider how vital the money that you pledge will be to supporting the stewardship of our church. Although the church's budget is always available, the Stewardship Board has decided to go a step further in informing the congregation about the reality of stewardship. On each Sunday, a board, committee, or association in the church will describe its activities during a three-minute "Your Pledge at Work" presentation during worship, and then expand on them as it serves refreshments in the Mayflower Room after the service. Moreover, we will arrange for any special presentation that you might suggest.

Let us sow bountifully and cheerfully, fully knowing that the money that we pledge will be used wisely and responsibly.

Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby, Transitional Senior Minister

Edward G. Detwiler and John M. Tillman, *Co-chairs, Stewardship Board*

WORSHIP SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

10:00 a.m.

Community Worship

Scripture: Psalm 124 Mark 9:38-41

Sermon: "At Risk" Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

OCTOBER 7, 2012 Family worship & Communion

10:00 a.m. Commu

Community Worship

Scripture: Luke 22:14-20 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

Sermon: "Essence of Communion" Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

OCTOBER 14, 2012

10:00 a.m.

Community Worship

Scripture: Psalm 22:1-11 Mark 10:17-31

Sermon: "What Must I Do" Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE CANCELLED

Our Sunday 8:00 a.m. worship service, "Time for Spiritual Reflection," has been cancelled for the foreseeable future due to lack of participation. An alternative service is being considered.



Can you feel the change that comes with each new autumn day? Ecclesiastes 3 said it best. "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." There is change in the air at GCC. As you know, we are conducting our search for a new senior minister, and with this selection will come change and a new season. We are a very active community at GCC that understands change, takes on the challenges and continues to accomplish so much. Without you, none of this happens.

Open hearted living

Throughout the year, you will be learning more about all of our church programs from fellow engaged church members. These programs would not exist without members who give so much of their time, talent and treasure to help build an active community of faith.

The church has never needed your personal or financial support more, so please do not "wait and see" what change happens. Be part of the change that is happening. This stewardship season, become an openhearted person. *Let your giving determine your joy!*

FLU SHOT UPDATE

Due to the availability of flu shots in many stores and pharmacies in your neighborhood, we will NOT be having a Flu Shot clinic at GCC this year.

Please, however, continue to prevent getting the flu by receiving this important immunization!

COMING SOON: ELECTRONIC GIVING!

Glenview Community Church is pleased to announce a secure, convenient new way to make your regular offerings. With our new electronic giving program, you can easily set up a recurring giving schedule or make one-time contributions. We encourage you to set up a schedule of recurring contributions. It's convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for our church. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, our church will continue to receive your contributions on an uninterrupted basis. To become an electronic giver, visit our website at www.gccucc.org and click on the "DONA-TION" tab.

DON'T MISS IT! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The GCC Stewardship Board cordially invites all members of GCC to a church-wide breakfast, "Celebration of our Stewardship!" Breakfast will be held for you and your family in the Mayflower Room on Sunday, October 21, 2012 from 8:00 AM – 9:45 AM. Don't miss this opportunity for celebrating stewardship in our faith community, which touches our lives daily and has reached many people beyond the walls of the sanctuary for over 70 years with the common bonds of hope, strength, caring and giving.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Have you been attending GCC and want to know more about us? Have you thought about formally joining the church? We have a new member session for you to attend and find answers to your questions. We will meet on Sunday afternoon, October 14 at 3:00 pm and finish in time for you to attend most of the Hymn Fest that day. Child care is available if you request ahead of time. Call the church office or one of the ministers if you have questions.

ADULT EDUCATION 9:00 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Walking With Stones, Bill Schmidt Our own Bill Schmidt will talk about his new book Walking with Stones: A Spiritual Odyssey on the Pilgrimage to Santiago. This famous pilgrimage in honor of St. James covers 500 miles in five weeks. In the words of one reviewer, it "will appeal to anyone who carries with them questions about their life purpose, the meaning of their personal narrative, or questions on the nature of God and redemption." Autographed copies of the book will be available.

OCTOBER SEMINARS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 Brian McLaren and

A New Kind of Christianity

John Miller will discuss McLaren's controversial book, *A New Kind of Christianity*. The focus will be one of 10 questions that McLaren poses: Can we find a way to address human sexuality without fighting about it?

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 Matanya's Hope

Erika Grad will share pictures, stories, and reflections about her extraordinary mission trip to Kenya this summer. A truly amazing journey.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 GCC and Racial Justice

In this first in a series of ongoing programs linking GCC to its history, Allan Ruter, Susan Johns, and Beverly Dawson will take us back to an important GCC connection to the Civil Rights Movement.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 2012 Election Issues

Beth Coulson will lead a nonpartisan discussion about important election issues: National Heath Care, Medicare, and Social Security.

SING TO LIVE CONCERT

Sing To Live Community Chorus was founded in January 2005. It was created to provide a musical outlet and supportive community that celebrates hope and survival for singers whose lives have been touched by breast cancer. In addition, it provides the gift of music to the breast cancer community by offering complimentary concert tickets and performance CDs to breast cancer survivors. Please join us for this special fall performance on Sunday, October 21 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Ambassadors are needed for the October 21 concert. If you would like to be an ambassador, please contact Russ Hiltz at (847)486-1503 or e-mail by email <u>gumpy.hiltz @</u>. <u>wowway.com</u>.

GCC SUPPORT GROUP WOMEN'S BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

A few years ago we organized an informal support group of GCC women who meet twice a year. We share our experiences from all different places in our lives and our path to wellness. Our fall gathering will be held on Tuesday, October 9 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. so you can attend meetings or get back home to your families. As an added treat, we will provide a salad supper and a special guest. Please RSVP to Pam Keckler (847)724-2210 ext. 224 or Marilyn Belleau (847)724-2210 ext. 230. All are welcome, including new people.



MYRA LORIS ALL ROADS LEAD TO CHICAGO The Gents Who Made It Happen

Wednesday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m.

This lecture, the second in the three-part series, will focus on the entrepreneurs and industrial commercial giants (Armour, Field, Ward, McCormick, etc.) who made Chicago the commercial center of the WORLD in the late 1800's.

Final lecture will be Wednesday, November 14: **Urban Phoenix:** The Fire and The Fair, a look at the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 and the re-birth of the city as seen through the Columbian Exposition (World's Fair) of 1893.

Dessert will be served at 7:00 p.m. and Ms. Loris will begin at 7:30 p.m. and speak for an hour. Tickets, \$15 per lecture will be available at the door, after church services in the Mayflower Room or by calling Sandy Bradbury (847)729-9365.

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and prayers are with Julie Orr and family on the passing of her father, Robert Green, of Arizona on September 13, 2012.

We offer our sympathy to the family of Marilyn Elrick, who died September 17, 2012. A memorial service was held at the church on September 22. Please remember her sons, Mike and Bruce and their families in your prayers.

We remember with love, Nancy Drake Edgar, who died in Claremont, California on September 13, 2012. Nancy was the wife of Rev. Bob Edgar who was Senior Minister at GCC from 1941-1960. Nancy and Bob went to Chicago Theological Seminary after college and were the first married couple to enter the seminary. In 1939 with new seminary degrees, they moved to lowa and three years later to Glenview... "a just-about-to-boom little town north of Chicago. Glenview did become one of the War Boom-Towns, and the church exploded to a congregation of 3,000, involving many building programs and wonderful growing experiences..." Arrangements for a memorial service at Pilgrim Place in California and interment in Florida are pending. Memorial contributions may be made to Mission Hospice in Pasadena, California. We offer our thoughts and prayers to the family.

ATTENTION GCC MEMBERS:

Please note that Prairie Street will be blocked off on Sunday, September 30, 2012 from 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. The OLPH Fun Run 5k run/walk is taking place that morning in the Swainwood neighborhood. If you are going to be arriving at the church during these hours, please remember to enter off Glenview Road. If you have any questions, please email Kerri Noard at <u>kerrinoard@gmail.com</u>. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION

We were excited to have 61 Confirmands enrolled in our Confirmation fall classes. We invite the 7th grade (only) parents to join us on Sunday, September 30 for our opening worship together at 8:45 a.m. in the Plymouth Room and experience time with us.

We'll also introduce our confirmation teachers. Then we'll have a brief meeting following that in the Mayflower Room for just the parents.

PYF

Pilgrim Youth Fellowship will meet on Sundays 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 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!

OCTOBER 7:

PYF Cooks!

OCTOBER 14:

Birthday Bags for the Food Pantry

OCTOBER 21:

Video Scavenger Hunt!

OCTOBER 28:

Great America: 11 am – 7 pm

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

THUR	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex		11:00 AM	Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm
9/27	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 5:00 PM, Plymouth Rm		7:30 PM	Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm	FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
	1:00 PM	Alzheimer's & Related Dementias Support Group, Narthex	10/5	4:00 PM	GCC Pickleball, Gym
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir, Sanctuary		8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm		8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201
9/28	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor	SAT	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201	10/6		
SAT	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm	SUN	8:45 AM	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Plymouth Rm
9/29	9:00 AM	BSA 156 Hosts Webelos Workshop, Founders Rm	10/7	9:00 AM	Adult Education Program , Chapel
	9:00 AM	Chancel Choir Retreat, Sanctuary		9:00 AM	Confirmation Classes, Various Rms
SUN	8:45 AM	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Plymouth Rm		9:15 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201
9/30	9:00 AM	Adult Education Program , Chapel		10:00 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary
	9:00 AM	Confirmation Parent Mtg., Mayflower Rm		10:00 AM	Sunday School begins in Room 201
	9:00 AM	Confirmation Classes, Various Rms		11:00 AM	Community Fellowship Time, Mayflower Rm
	10:00 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary		11:15 AM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm
	10:00 AM	Sunday School begins in Room 201		4:00 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201
	11:00 AM	Community Fellowship Time, Mayflower Rm		4:00 PM	FYF, Youth Rm
	11:15 AM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm	MON	1:00 PM	GCC Pickleball, Gym
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Board Mtg., Rm 213	10/8	7:00 PM	Faith In Action, Parlor
	4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm		7:00 PM	BSA 156 Committee Mtg., Rm 201
	1.00 PM			7:30 PM	Mission Outreach Board, Parlor
MON	1:00 PM	GCC Pickleball, Gym	TUE	7:00 PM	Property Board Mtg., Library
10/1	7:30 PM	BSA 156 Pack Committee Mtg., Rm 213	10/9	7:00 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary
TUE	7.00 014			7:00 PM	Pastoral Care Board Mtg., Parlor
10/2	7:00 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary & Choir Rm		7:00 PM	Service and Sacraments Board Mtg., Rm 210
WED	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm	WED	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
10/3	1:00 PM	GCC Pickleball, Gym	10/10	1:00 PM	GCC Pickleball, Gym
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Gym		7:00 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Gym
	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 210 & Gym		7:00 PM	Music Board Mtg., Music Office
THUR	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex		7:30 PM	Youth & Confirmation Board Mtg., Youth Rm
10/4	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 5:00 PM, Plymouth Rm		8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 201 & Gym

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS OCTOBER 3 AT 9:00 AM



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RALLY DAY RECAP

WOW! Thank you all for making Rally Day such a success! We are back on target to raising over \$3,000!! This year's total...\$3,289!! We served 160 people lunch.

TWO SEVENTH GRADE CONFIRMANDS HELPED WITH RALLY DAY.

THANK YOU TEDDY GARRISON AND HANK RAHALEY.