

Power of Prayer

As I mentioned in a recent sermon, I have had a longstanding interest in prayer for healing. Numerous studies on healing prayer and many personal experiences with it have convinced me that its effectiveness depends on the intensity of spiritual connection not only between the person who is praying and the person who is being praved for, but also between each of them and God. Therefore, I believe that if possible, the person doing the praying should know whom he or she is praying for so that she or he can pray with "authentic" compassion for that person, while having faith in the energy of God's Spirit to heal. Moreover, the person who is being prayed for should be willing to have another person pray for him or her, also while having the same faith in God's Spirit to heal.

We have much anecdotal evidence on the effectiveness of prayer for healing, going back to the earliest days of Christianity. However, as the popular press and medical reviewers have recently been telling us, the results of well-controlled, controlled, clinical studies of the effectiveness of prayer have been disappointing. I believe that these negative results can be explained. All of the studies involved asking for remote, intercessory praver. [Intercessory praver involves praying for others and petitionary prayer involves praying for ourselves.] In these studies patients were randomized to prayer and no-prayer groups, with patients not knowing whether they were being praved for or not being praved for. Moreover, those who were doing the praying were given only the first names of the patients whom they were praying for. Therefore, those who prayed for healing had never met and otherwise had contact with the any person for whom they were praying. Just imagine an equivalent situation in our church, where we pray only for "Doug," which could extrapolate to all of the "Dougs" in and even beyond the congregation, and even lead us to assume incorrectly which

"Doug" is sick and needs our prayers!

Based on the above considerations we have decided to begin printing, in the Sunday Worship bulletins beginning November 6th, the names of those in our congregation who are ill and are to be held in our thoughts and prayers. However, in doing so we must comply with a provision of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 pertaining to protection of persons from release of personal health information. Therefore, the first and last names of a sick person who wishes to be placed on our congregation's sick list will have to be provided to the church by telephone, either by the sick person or an immediate family member granted permission to do so by the sick person. We ask that vou call Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Parish Nurse, with this request. (847)724-2210 ext. 230. When Marilyn's answering machine states that she is on vacation, please call one of our ministers. We ask that you do not call anyone else in the church office. A sick person's name will be placed on the sick list for three weeks, and then removed. All of these call-ins will be appropriately documented.

Please do not ask our ministers or parish nurse any questions about those listed on the sick list. We want to do all we can to enable our congregants to pray for those who are sick, but we must respect their privacy.

I hope that this initiative and policy stemming from it will be welcomed by everyone in our community of faith. If anyone has a question regarding this, please contact Marilyn or me, and we'll try to do our best to answer it.

We are still on the move – how very exciting!

Yours in Christ, Doug November 2, 2011

WORSHIP SERVICES

NOVEMBER 6, 2011

Family Worship and Communion

8:00 a.m.	A Time for Reflection			
10:00 a.m.	Community			

Scripture: Psalm 78:1-7 Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon: "Keep The Light On" Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler

3:00 p.m.

All Church Memorial

NOVEMBER 13, 2011

8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. A Time for Reflection

n. Community

Scripture: Judges 14:1-7 Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon: "Abundant Possibilities" Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

NOVEMBER 20, 2011

8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

Community

A Time for Reflection

Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-15, 20-24 Matthew 25:31-45

Sermon: "Reign of Christ" Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

On October 30, 2011 five new members were received into our congregation. They are Julia and Jim Hoexter (sons John and William), Bridgett and Walter Prewett (daughter Sydney), and Patricia Wolf (husband Tim, a member, son Max, daughter Madelyn, step-daughter Allie Wolf and step-son Brendan Wolf). An exciting event for them, as it is for us.

We welcome them with love into our family of faith.

Help Tape the Worship Services!

Have you ever thought about doing something a bit different in helping with worship? Would you like to sit in the sound booth and tape the worship service? At the moment we have one family that is helping us each Sunday and they need more volunteers to help each month. It's an easy process – perhaps a Confirmand and parent would like to tackle this for a service project for their church; or an adult who is present each week but would like to try a new task. Please give it some thought and let Tania McCarthy or Rev. Keckler know of your interest.

Thanks for your support!

Vice-Moderator Nominations

The GCC Leadership Committee is now considering candidates for the Vice-Moderator position. The Vice-Moderator is the second highest lay officer of the Church and performs the duties of the Moderator when the Moderator is unable to serve. The Vice-Moderator serves on the Executive Board and as the Chair of the Leadership Committee. For a description of this position and the responsibilities, please refer to the GCC Constitution and By-Laws which can be accessed on the GCC website www.GC-CUCC.org under the Resources tab or in the Church Office. If you are interested in being considered for this position or want further information, please contact David Aki at dave254@comcast.net_or at (847)657-0139.

Fall Back in Time on Sunday, November 6th.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday 2:00 a.m.

Attention All

Please be aware of the minor construction work being done to the office and nursery school entrances of the building on November 17 through November 19. The church office entrance and nursery school entrance will not be available for access. Please use the West entrance or Handicapped entrance on East side of the church to access the building. If you have any questions, please call the office at (847)724-2210.

Thank you for your cooperation.

GCC YOGA

Basic Yoga classes begin November 10 on Thursday mornings, 9:00 -10:00 a.m. in the church Narthex

Due to the enthusiasm of our previous yoga classes, we will once again offer these at the church. Join Kelly Golding, Registered Yoga Teacher, for a series of basic yoga poses and breathing exercises. Designed to reduce stress, they also increase balance, strength and flexibility. Please bring a blanket and yoga mat.

Fee: \$10.00 per class, scholarships available. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Questions? Contact Kelly at (847)657-1314 <u>kellygolding@comcast.net</u> or Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Parish Nurse at (847)724-2210 ext. 230 or <u>marilyn.belleau@gccucc.org</u>

SENIORS Mark Your Calendar!!

The 60 Plus Luncheon will be held in the Mayflower Room on November 15, 2011 at 12 noon. Home made soup, bread and special dessert will be served. We are excited to introduce Glo Rolighed, from Winnetka Garden Club, who will present *"The Art of Flower Arranging for the Holidays"*. Come and enjoy the fun! You will have an opportunity to win a creation to take home. If you need a ride, please call Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Parish Nurse at (847)724-2210 ext 230.

FALL BBQ

Take a night off from cooking and enjoy the catering of Goode n Fresh at the next GCC Fall BBQ on Friday, November 18, sponsored by the WA Chapter 11. Forms are available in the church office and on the website at <u>www.gccucc.org</u>.

Just Jewelry Open House SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 11:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Please join PYF for a *Just Jewelry Open House*. This *Just Jewelry* fund-raiser will help support PYF's efforts on their mission trip to Cass Lake (Leech Lake Reservation) in Minnesota this summer!

The jewelry, all priced between \$12-\$28, will be available for viewing during both times and you may stop anytime. We will be taking orders and the jewelry will arrive the first week of Decenber. Just Jewelry donates 10% to local and international missions and 25% will be received by PYF. This is a great opportunity to help our youth and those around the world; as well as get some of your holiday shopping done.

You may view the jewelry at <u>www.</u> <u>itsjustjewelry.com/sherrileopold</u>.

Catalogs will also be available at the church prior to the event. If you would like more information or want to place an order, don't hesitate to contact either Debbie Berg at (847)334-8688 or Sherri Leopold at (217)341-1135.

PARENTS OF 4th - 6th Graders:

Parents of 4th - 6th graders: As you may know, the Pageant will be upon us soon! Your sons and daughters have the opportunity to be the Children of All Nations who dress in country-specific costumes and bring gifts to the Baby Jesus. They will be able to pick out a costume in their November 13th Sunday school class. We have all kinds for all kinds of kids! There will also be a make-up date after church on the 20th if they are unable to pick out their costumes on the 13th. We hope you will talk to your children about this opportunity and encourage them to participate, as in the past some kids have been hesitant to sign up because they haven't discussed it with their parents. We are happy to answer any questions that you may have! C.J.Sultz (847)657-7079 and Christine Foley (847)224-3513.

Children of All Nations coordinators

Pastoral Care

Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Mary Munday for the death of her mother, Dorothy Munday, who passed on October 8, 2011.

DID YOU KNOW?



The Nativity was conceived and written by church members Helen and George Miller in 1951 at the encouragement of Rev. Bob Edgar. The script was written with the help of members Dick and Kitty Creyke. George Miller and Dick Creyke also lent their voices as the Reader and Narrator of the Pageant. Helen Miller was director.

The Millers then turned to Agnes Cashman, who had studied and trained as a dancer, to lead the Angels. With the Rhythm Choir of dancers already established in the church, the Angels were added as movement to the Pageant, not just background. A member of the original Pageant committee had seen another church's Pageant with a processional of young girls in white robes that entered in darkness with only a candle in each girl's hand. Agnes Cashmere agreed to train and direct the "Angels of Light". Since the beginning, high school girls have been meeting in September to learn their dance moves and then transform into beautiful Tableau and Walking Angels.

Northwestern University Brass Quintet

Please join us at Glenview Community Church for a special pre-Thanksgiving service at 10:00 a.m. led by Rev. Dr. Douglas E. Busby on Sunday, November 20, 2011. We will be featuring our Brass Ensemble in-Residence, the Northwestern University Brass Quintet.

Adult Education Seminars

8:50 a.m. in the Chapel

November 6-20

During the next four Sundays we will continue our discussion on views of the afterlife. Please join us for these thought-provoking topics.

November 6, November 13, November 20: we will consider quantum physics and spirituality, relational interdependence, John of God and Brazilian spiritism, the Butterfly Effect, Heaven and Hell, and whether death is healing. Speakers will include Dr. Doug Busby.



Need the Perfect Gift?

Looking for that perfect Christmas, Birthday and/or hostess gift? We have the perfect solution for you. A beautiful illustrated 2012 Linnea Calendar. Chapter 9 will be selling the calendars during coffee hour on October 23rd and November 6th. Each month has a colorful graphic illustration, suitable for framing in a 11 x 14 frame. The calendars are selling for \$29 each. Bring your checkbook or cash and get a head start on your shopping.

Request for Donations for Refugee One Apartment

Refugee One is currently helping refugee families fleeing famine and war in African countries. GCC has agreed to help set up an apartment in anticipation of a new family's arrival. Generous members have already donated a substantial number of items toward this effort and the GCC Confirmands are helping outfit the kitchen. Nevertheless, we are still in need of the following items: 6 new bed pillows; a small living room sofa or loveseat; two living room chairs; 3 twin-sized comforters; 3 new twin-sized sheet sets; 3 warm blankets; a small coffee table; a small end table or two; two lamps. We expect the family to arrive around Thanksgiving and therefore ask that any donations be forwarded soon. Please contact Kristine Voelker at (847)832-0242 or at *kristine voelker@yahoo.com* if you would like to help.

Thank you from your friends on the Missions Outreach Board.





WANTED! Halloween Candy

Do you typically end up with a lot of left over Halloween Candy that you don't know what to do with? Please consider donating your left over candy for our friends at A Just Harvest. Over the next several weeks, the Sunday School will have drop off boxes located outside the church office where you can dump your candy. We will take it from there to A Just Harvest. This service project is a WIN-WIN and you can help to make it a success! Any questions, please contact Kathy Lifton at <u>Kathy.Lifton@gccucc.org</u>.

PYF Open House

Attention Parents of High School Youth! November 15, 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Join Elizabeth and learn more about Glenview Community Church's youth program PYF. Hear first hand what the discussion topics are, what the trips are like and participate in a question and answer period. It is a great way to hear what is going on. GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH 1000 Elm Street Glenview, IL 60025-2897

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OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERIAL STAFF Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby, MD, Transitional Senior Minister Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, Minister for Spiritual Formation & Church Operations

DIRECTORS: Marilyn Belleau, RN, Health Ministry Kathy Lifton, Children's Ministry Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, Youth Ministry Debby Shellard, Children's Choirs Gary Wendt, Music & Organist Jim Winfield, Interim Adult Choir

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

Return Service Requested

At A Glance

THUR			MON			
11/03	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open til 5:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm	11/07	6:45 PM	Walking Angels, Rehearsal, Sanctuary	
	4:30 PM	HOP Leadership Committee, Parlor		7:00 PM	Finance Board, Founders Rm	
	6:45 PM	Beginning Bell Choir, Bell Rm		8:00 PM	Tableau Angels, Sanctuary	
	7:00 PM	HOP Operating Committee, Parlor		9:00 PM	Dancing Mary's, Sanctuary	
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Patrol Leaders, Founders Rm	TUES			
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	11/08	6:30 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal, Choir Rm & Sanctuary	
FRI				7:00 PM	Adult Education Board, Founders Rm	
11/04	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open til 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm		7:00 PM	Book Club, Chapel	
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor		7:00 PM	Pastoral Care Board, Parlor	
	8:00 PM			7:00 PM	Stewardship Board, Rm 210	
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SAT				7:00 PM	Properties Board, Library	
11/05	9:00 AM	······································		7:30 PM	Pack 156 Committee Mtg., Rm 213	
	9:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym	WED			
SUN			11/09	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open til 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm	
11/06	8:00 AM	Worship Service, Sanctuary		6:30 PM	BSA Troop 156 Meeting, Gym	
	8:50 AM	Adult Education, Chapel		7:00 PM	Music Board Mtg, Rm 201	
	9:00 AM	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Youth Rm		8:00 PM	BSA Venture Crew, Parlor & Gym	
	9:15 AM	Confirmation Classes, Various Rms				
	9:15 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201				
	10:00 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary				
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm	Dura	a satar D		
	11:15 AM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm	Please s	Broadcaster Deadlines Please submit articles by 9:00 a.m. , Wednesday to Tania McCarthy via e-mail at <u>tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org.</u>		
	3:00 PM	All Church Memorial, Sanctuary	e-mail a			
	4:00 PM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal, Rm 201				

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