

Happy  
Thanksgiving!

Broadcaster

NOVEMBER 23, 2016

## THE NATIVITY

This year we are looking back at the 75-year history of Glenview Community Church. It is hard not to find that a significant part of the history is the presentation of the Pageant, or as it's formally known, **The Nativity**. This is the 65th anniversary of the beginning of this tradition.

I often have a hard time explaining our Pageant to other people. It is not a performance with bathrobes and bed sheets but a unique tradition with beautiful scenes, exquisite costumes, graceful dancing, and glorious music. It's also difficult to explain what it means to those who are dedicated to re-enacting the timeless story. When I went through some of the archives that we have of the Pageant, I found a letter that was rewritten in the Broadcaster in 1968, which expresses the feeling that many have experienced. It is from a girl who was a freshman in college at the time:

"At the moment, I am experiencing a 'crisis' of growing up. For the first time in years, I am not going to see the Christmas Pageant. I can remember being a Child of Light and holding my candle high for the Christ child. And seeing Mary and Joseph and the baby - it was real then, wasn't it? The Children of All Nations - I was able in my own way to help bind the world together. To suffer and pay taxes as a Zum Gali..to light the way as a Walking Angel..to guide the people and instruct them in the ways of Christ's coming as a Tableau Angel..all these have been mine in the past Christmas seasons. And now, not only am I not part of the Pageant, I don't even get to see it. My Christmas



actually begins with the beautiful story that unfolds in the Sanctuary. I will dearly miss it this year."

Fast forward to last week when we were on the fall PYF retreat at Tower Hill UCC Camp in Michigan, and I received a text from a college freshman who was just dying to know who was playing Gabriel in the Pageant this year, as she did last year, and lamenting how much she missed being a part of everything. So the Tableau Angels who were out on a walk in the woods with me found "Oh Holy Night" on someone's phone, I filmed them performing the dance, and we texted it to last year's seniors!

Whether it is 1968 or 2016 or any of the years in between, over three generations have told many similar versions of their own experience. They enjoy each role they play and truly miss the Pageant when they are no longer in it.

Please join us on December 4th at our NEW times of 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM for this year's Pageant. You will be able to see some of the history on display and share in the magic as we tell the story. The Pageant is our gift to the community, so please invite a friend or neighbor to come and share the unique joy of this performance with you. It will set the mood for the Christmas season in a very special way.

*C.J. Sultz, Pageant Director*



Alive Together With Christ

the message

## PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING

Creator God,  
You have blessed us with your love.  
You have brushed us with stardust.  
You have called us to live for others.  
You have given us the challenge of plenty,  
resources beyond our need.  
Instruct us how to be a blessing,  
how to usher in a world of peace,  
how to craft from the stardust  
a bright future for all your children.  
Thank you, God for your blessing.  
Teach us to bless one another.  
Joan Brown Campbell

## FAIR TRADE

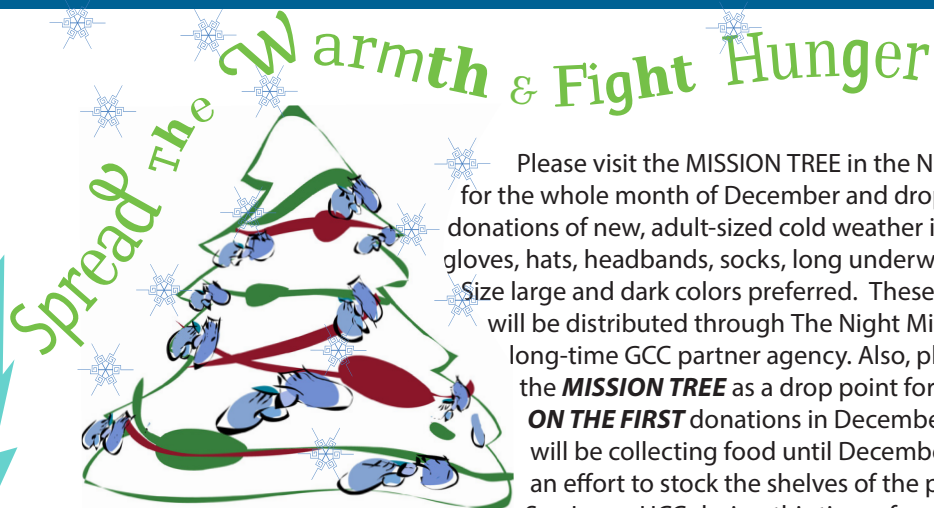
Fair Trade products will be available on Sunday, December 18 during Fellowship. This is a perfect time for your holiday shopping! Like Fair Trade Certified on Facebook to learn about how your purchases help others. Kajoina Jenifer was recently highlighted. Read her story!

"Kajoina Jenifer and her family have been farming tea since 1999. She has 7 children and all of them are in school except for the youngest who will attend when old enough. She hopes that the additional income from selling tea on Fair Trade terms will enable all of her children to attend university. She also hopes to improve the community women's farming project in order to create better food security and provide additional sustainable income."

Learn more about Fair Trade Certified and how to purchase Fair Trade Certified products at [FairTradeCertified.org](http://FairTradeCertified.org).

## THE RESALE SHOP

The Resale Shop will be closed from Saturday, November 19 and will re-open Wednesday, November 30. Stop in to get what you need for your Thanksgiving holiday and early Christmas items. You'll be surprised at all we have to offer. Your purchases help others, and proceeds go to local charities.



Please visit the MISSION TREE in the Narthex for the whole month of December and drop off your donations of new, adult-sized cold weather items—gloves, hats, headbands, socks, long underwear, etc. Size large and dark colors preferred. These items will be distributed through The Night Ministry, a long-time GCC partner agency. Also, please use the **MISSION TREE** as a drop point for **FOOD ON THE FIRST** donations in December. We will be collecting food until December 14 in an effort to stock the shelves of the pantry at San Lucas UCC during this time of great need.

When you make a donation, take a hand-made card or ornament (provided by Tom and Rosalie Amos) from the tree to display on your own tree as a reminder of your support.

## GIVE A TRIBUTE TO SOMEONE YOU HAVE LOVED

During the Christmas Season and throughout 2017 you will have the opportunity to pay tribute to someone you love, or honor the memory of someone you have loved. The poinsettias and altar flowers that help to beautify our church and enhance the worship experience are offered by members of the congregation to help us all give thanks for the gifts of love and memory. Please use the flyer in the Sunday bulletin, Broadcaster or download from "News You Can Use" to sponsor a flower arrangement or some poinsettias In Memory or Honor of your loved ones. These donations from the members of the church make up the vast majority of the budget for these flowers each week. And a reminder, the Pastoral Care Board delivers flowers each week that are designated to be delivered to homebound members, or members that need an extra bit of care.

A special volunteer crew delivers the poinsettias to homebound members and those who have lost loved ones as a special holiday remembrance. Consider volunteering to brighten someone's day by taking a poinsettia to their home. The same form can be used.

Thanks in advance for your support.

## A Toy-ful Celebration



Bring your family to the 23rd Annual Toy-ful Celebration concert at the Glenview Community Church on Saturday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. Join the Chancel Choir, directed by Guillermo Muñoz Küster, and the Glenview Concert Band, under the direction of Greg Wojcik, for a festive evening of holiday music and fun. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; Christmas carol sing along 6:45. This concert benefits the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots program. The concert is free, but please bring an unwrapped new toy (or toys) to donate to the Marines to help make some child's Christmas morning a little brighter. Visit [www.gccmusic.org](http://www.gccmusic.org) or call the church office at 847-724-2210 for further details.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
HOLY COMMUNION

**Scripture:**

Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44

**Sermon:**

*With Eyes Wide Open*  
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

**SPECIAL ORNAMENT  
COMMEMORATES  
75TH ANNIVERSARY**

A limited-edition ornament, created by Glenview's own Crystal Cave, honors our past and affirms our future as we celebrate "GCC Alive!" in coming weeks. Honor our history and our hopes when you purchase this lovely ornament for \$25 either during post-worship coffee fellowship or by calling or emailing Beryl Bills, 847-724-1694 or [berylbills@comcast.net](mailto:berylbills@comcast.net) to reserve one.

**THANKSGIVING  
OFFERING**

In this season of giving thanks, please remember those who are hurting and need our support. Good News Partner is one of GCC's benevolence agencies who provides support to the individuals in need.

Founded in 1976, Good News Partners is a faith-based community organization that strives to bring about conditions in which hope, justice, responsibility, and reconciliation flourish in Chicago's East Rogers Park North of Howard neighborhood. GNP provides affordable housing for otherwise homeless families with a step-by-step transition from interim housing to independent living.

They recently experienced a fire. The playground that they worked so hard to build and their beloved offices were damaged. Thankfully, no one was hurt. But they are still dealing with the impact of the fire on their property.

DECEMBER

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**PAGEANT  
SUNDAY**

9:00 A.M.  
AND  
11:30 A.M.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN  
CHRISTMAS TREE**

The Glenview Community Church Memorial Garden Committee again brings you a PYF Christmas Tree, seven feet tall. It will be standing outdoors in the Memoria Garden on Sunday, December 4, ready for you to use to remember someone you love, or several someones you love. The choice of ornament(s) is up to you; just bring your own "hanging device(s)". After the month of December, the tree will be removed, so please remove ornaments not later than December 30, 2016. Brought to you with love by the GCC Memorial Garden Committee.

**PAGEANT UPDATE**

The 65th GCC Pageant is less than two weeks away! Here are some updates:

- It will be held on Sunday, December 4 at two new times: 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., in an effort not to conflict with afternoon activities.
- Parents of all children in kindergarten through high school should have received information by snail mail or email by now about their child's role and rehearsal times. If you have not, please contact C.J. Sultz, [cjsultz@comcast.net](mailto:cjsultz@comcast.net), and she will put you in touch with the appropriate adult coordinator.
- Adults and/or families with children 1-5 years old are also welcome to participate as Zum Gali families (nomadic Israelites). There is one afternoon practice on Saturday, December 3 and costumes are provided. Please also contact C.J. by the end of the month if you are interested.
- For all GCC members, share the magic of the Pageant by inviting your family and friends!

**KNITTERS NEWS**

Hey knitters we still have lots of yarn in the box. Come and take a look. If you forget what we are knitting or crocheting, here are your choices:

- 8 inch squares for the **Knit-a-Square Project** in South Africa. [knit-a-square.com](http://knit-a-square.com),
- Blankets for the Chicagoland Project Linus (minimum size 36" x 36"),
- Hats, scarves, gloves, mittens for the folks at A Just Harvest.

We will have another knitting table in December so you can see what we're up to. In the meantime, keep knitting/crocheting!

**LIFE EVERLASTING**

With confidence in the promise of the resurrection, our longtime member and head usher David D. Spaulding entered life everlasting on Monday, November 14, 2016.

A service was held in the sanctuary on November 18, 2016. Our thoughts and prayers are with David's wife, Linda, his mother Corinne, his sister Carol, his brothers Robert and Ronald and the whole family.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:  
JOY

**Scripture:**

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Matthew 3:1-12; 11:2-11

**Sermon:**

*What Do You Hear and See?*  
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:  
LOVE

**Scripture:**

Isaiah 7:10-16  
Luke 1:46b-55  
Matthew 1:18-25

**Sermon:**

*I'll Be Home for Christmas*  
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

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community

Alive Together With Christ



## READ, REUSE, RECYCLE

- All of Bernie's books are continually renewed and passed along to many different children.
- All books are ready to be distributed in 5 days.
- The children are given far more than one or two books; they are given entire libraries of books so every ONE book you donate becomes SIX on arrival.
- The at-risk children are given their books directly to take home and love forever.
- Our only focus is to give children the best books possible to help them learn in every possible way.

### OTHER INFORMATION:

Deliver books to Glenview Community Church outside of the main office and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in the East hallway. Collecting books from **October 16 – November 28**. Please donate **ONLY children's books** from grades K – 6th grade

For any other questions or concerns please contact Rev. Elizabeth Ciccolini at [elizabeth.ciccolini@gccucc.org](mailto:elizabeth.ciccolini@gccucc.org)

## PARENT ROUND TABLE "DRUGS & ALCOHOL" 6TH-8TH GRADE

Join us for this opportunity to talk about drug and alcohol use among teenagers on **December 11** at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Pam & Elizabeth will lead this discussion as we learn from each other on how to talk to our youth about this important subject. Also, there will be information on early warning signs of abuse. Hope to see you there!

## LET'S GET ACTIVE

*The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.*

*Mahatma Gandhi*

### JANUARY 6

#### Bernie's Book Drive

1 - 3:00 p.m. Help sort through books which will be given to lower income children.

### FEBRUARY 7

#### Souper Bowl - more details to come.

Be on the lookout for the **Mission Tree** in December and cookies for the **Night Ministry** in February. **Food on the First** will be collected again this year for Northfield Pantry and San Lucas.

## ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Sunday, November 27 is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent booklets are available after worship or in the church office. Please call Rev. Pam Keckler if you would like us to mail you a copy at 847-724-2210, Ext. 224.



## AN ARK FOR HEIFER!

As of this writing, our Heifer International Living Gift Market on November 6 and 13 raised over \$6,700 to aid and sustain God's children! Together, we have built more than one ARK (\$5,000) for a hurting world. Thanks to everyone who helped this effort. We will be sending the check to Heifer International at the beginning of December, so there is still time to hop on the ARK with your gift in honor or memory of a loved one...or just for yourself! Make your check to Glenview Community Church with Heifer in the memo line, so it gets designated to the proper account. Because of your compassion and generosity, we have made possible an ARK for today's world!

Jeanie Bond

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes will not meet on November 27 because of Thanksgiving weekend as well as December 4 because of Pageant Sunday. See everyone December 11.

## PYF NOVEMBER

4:00 - 6:00 YOUTH ROOM

### DECEMBER 4

#### Pageant

### DECEMBER 11

**God's Light Shines!** Candle Craft.

### DECEMBER 18

#### Christmas Party & Gift Grab Bag

Please bring a wrapped gift of no more than \$15

#### POW-PYF on Wednesdays 7/8 Club

We will begin a unit on "Tough Stuff" Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. followed by fellowship time and ending with some fun Bible discussions.

### DECEMBER 7

#### Service Project

We will stuff stockings for the Night Ministry.

## FOOD WITH FRIENDS

Enjoy a hot meal provided by Glenbrook High School Interact Club in partnership with St. David's Episcopal Church. There is no cost for this meal. It is an opportunity to join your friends and neighbors at St. David's on every third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and fellowship. It is a chance to meet some amazing young people, break bread with your neighbors and feed your body.

### Here are the dates:

January 17, February 21, March 21 and April 18.

#### St. David's Episcopal Church,

2410 Glenview Road, Glenview, IL  
(corner of Glenview Road and Shermer Road)



Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
<b>Sunday, 27 November 2016</b>		
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower
4:30 PM to 5:30 PM	PYF Singers	Room 201
<b>Monday, 28 November 2016</b>		
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Yoga Class	Room 201
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Pageant Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Tuesday, 29 November 2016</b>		
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music and Movement Classes	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music and Movement Classes	Cradle/Toddler Room
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Pageant Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Wednesday, 30 November 2016</b>		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music and Movement Classes	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music and Movement Classes	Cradle/Toddler Room
11:00 AM to 11:45 AM	Music and Movement Classes	Cradle/Toddler Room
4:00 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Mayflower
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	7/8 Club & POW	Mayflower
6:00 PM to 7:15 PM	Bible Study	Parlor
<b>Thursday, 01 December 2016</b>		
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga Class	Narthex
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg	Gym
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Pageant Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Friday, 02 December 2016</b>		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA Meeting	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library
<b>Sunday, 04 December 2016</b>		
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	GCC Christmas Pageant - The Nativity	Sanctuary
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	GCC Christmas Pageant - The Nativity	Sanctuary
<b>Monday, 05 December 2016</b>		
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM	Called to Care	Founders
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Yoga Class	Room 201
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	156 Committee Mtg	Founders
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	CSA 156	Room 213
<b>Tuesday, 06 December 2016</b>		
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music and Movement Classes	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music and Movement Classes	Cradle/Toddler Room
<b>Wednesday, 07 December 2016</b>		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music and Movement Classes	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music and Movement Classes	Cradle/Toddler Room
4:00 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Mayflower
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	7/8 Club & POW	Youth Room
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	Community Dinner	Mayflower
6:00 PM to 7:15 PM	Bible Study	Parlor
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Properties Board Meeting	Room 210

**The next Deadline for the Broadcaster is December 7, 2016 at 9:00 AM**

# SIGN UP NOW



## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

GCC will once again pack food at Feed My Starving Children! Please join us as we try to pack even more food this year on Saturday, December 10 from 9:00- a.m. - 11:00 a.m. We welcome anyone 5 years and older. Please email Melissa Bacon-Aki at [mbaconaki@comcast.net](mailto:mbaconaki@comcast.net) to sign up or receive more information.

**PLEASE SIGN UP BY DECEMBER 1.**



**3:00 PM**

Christmas Eve Worship for All Ages  
Intergenerational Choir and Primary Choir; Jazz

**5:30 PM**

A Reflective Christmas Eve Worship  
Carols, Communion and Candlelight. Instrumentalists

**9:00 PM**

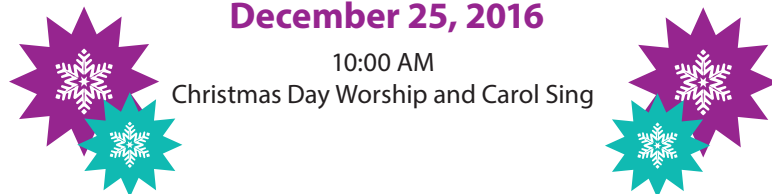
Candlelight Joyful Christmas Eve Worship  
Carols and Candlelight  
Music by The Chancel Choir and Joyful Ringers

## CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

**December 25, 2016**

**10:00 AM**

Christmas Day Worship and Carol Sing



**Alive Together With Christ**

**happenings**



As we near the completion of our FORWARD IN FAITH Campaign, we are thankful to the faithful list of donors as of 11/23/2016! The total has been revealed and shows the tremendous commitment and generosity by our members and friends. If you have not yet pledged and would like your name added to the list, please call Karen or Tom Aldrich or email them at [campaign@gccucc.org](mailto:campaign@gccucc.org). Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

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# CMA RECAP

## CHICAGO METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION (CMA) FALL MEETING

Several of our members recently attended the fall meeting at St. Paul UCC in Palatine. Our guest for the day was Fr. Michael Pflieger, priest and Pastor of St. Sabina Roman Catholic Church, where he has served since 1981. A noted speaker and civil rights activist, Fr. Pflieger reminded us to “pay attention to the crime, violence, poverty and injustice present in many of the neighborhoods of Chicago, and anywhere that there is such suffering across the country...and that the Church has been too silent.” Fr. Pflieger’s remarks have been recorded on video, and are available to view at [uccfn.org/pflieger](http://uccfn.org/pflieger).

## GIVING GLIMPSE OCTOBER, 2016

The Message, Ministries and Mission of Glenview Community Church thrive because you fulfill your stewardship commitments and make faithful contributions. It is essential that we remain current in our giving. In the midst of our busy lives, we offer you this update reminder to keep in focus our progress on completing our financial commitments to GCC. This Giving Glimpse will be updated monthly and included in the worship bulletin and Broadcaster.

	Amount Received	Amount Pledged	Over/Under
October	\$ 81,987	\$ 68,479	\$13,508
YTD	\$748,280	\$779,297	-\$31,017

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-----Writer George Matthew Adams

