

Merry Christmas

Broadcaster

December 19, 2012

ADVENT

Advent, or "coming" is derived from Latin word for adventus, which was translated from the Greek word parousia for the Second Coming of Christ. The Season of Advent, the first season in the church's liturgical calendar, begins four Sundays before Christmas Day. Advent anticipates the coming of Christ from two perspectives: sharing in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, and being alert for his Second Coming. The origin of Advent can be traced back to the 4th Century when it was to be a period of preparation for Epiphany, commemorating the visit of the Wise Men to baby Jesus. However, by the 6th Century it became associated initially with awaiting the Second Coming of Christ, and later also with anticipating Christ's birth. Until the past 18th Century, Advent was generally regarded as a period of making oneself ready spiritually for Christ's coming through prayer, fasting, and repentance. However, Advent for most Christians has since become a time to be in the festive and giving spirit of Christmas, and for many to attend church services to hear Biblical stories and sacred music announcing the upcoming arrival of the Christ child.

When you read this article, two of the five candles in the Advent wreath on a beautiful new stand in our Sanctuary, and in an Advent wreath you may have in your home, will not yet have been lit. The four candles in the wreath itself symbolize hope, peace, love, and joy. The hope candle is lit at the beginning of our Community Worship Service on the first Sunday in Advent - and so on for the peace, love, and joy candles on each of the following three Advent Sundays.

The hope, peace and love candles are purple, the color of the Advent season. The joy candle is pink in the tradition of Gaudete (the word for rejoice in Latin) Sunday. And so, with the lighting of the joy candle on the last Sunday in Advent, we will be ready to light the larger white, "Christ" or "Good News" candle in the center of the wreath Christmas Eve, to symbolize God's gift to us in Jesus Christ.

Our clergy and music staff have been busy preparing the Christmas Eve worship services: the "Family Service" at 4:30 p.m., the "Christmas Eve Service" (meditative service with Holy Communion) at 7:30 p.m., and the "Festive Celebration of Christmas" at 11:00 p.m. Again this year, the 11:00 p.m. service will be preceded at 10:30 p.m. by "Music of Christmas" involving our Joyful Ringers Handbell Choir, Chancel Choir, a string quartet, and our congregation.

Our thanks go to all who will be making the Sanctuary so beautiful and Christmas worship so wonderful for our celebration of Christmas.

And may I wish each of you a most joyous Christmas.

Doug

WORSHIP SERVICES

DECEMBER 23, 2012

10:00 a.m. *Community Worship*

Scripture:

Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46-55

Sermon:

"Moving with Mary's Song"

Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

DECEMBER 24, 2012

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 p.m. Family Service and Intergenerational Choir/Primary Choir

7:30 p.m. Meditative Service with Communion and Pilgrim Ensemble

10:30 p.m. Carols and Special Music

11:00 p.m. Celebrative Service with Chancel Choir and Joyful Ringers

DECEMBER 30, 2012

10:00 a.m. *Community Worship*

Scripture:

Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46-55

Sermon:

"Who Is This Child"

Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

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 and responsibilities of this position, please refer to the GCC Constitution and By-Laws which can be accessed on the GCC website www.GCCUCC.org under the Resources tab or obtained in the church office. If you are interested in being considered for this position or have questions, please contact Karen Aldrich at kaaldrich@comcast.net or at 847-729-1168.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our newest members (and their children): Janet & Greg McWilliams and Holly & Jeff Hyla who joined GCC on December 16.

WOMEN'S WINTER RETREAT SAVE THE DATE!!

We are going on retreat in a new month and time in 2013. All GCC women and friends are invited to join the Women's Winter Retreat beginning Friday night, February 22 through Saturday afternoon, February 23. The overnight will include Friday dinner and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. We plan to return to the Hilton (Allgauer's) in Northbrook and also to bring back a special speaker. Watch for details coming soon!

ADULT EDUCATION IN JANUARY

SUNDAYS 9:00 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2013

Adult Education Lectures on John of God Part 1

John of God is a widely-acclaimed Brazilian spiritual healer who is visited weekly by hundreds of people from around the world. Our Transitional Senior Minister, Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby (M.D.) has closely observed John's miraculous healing during seven separate visits to his healing center in Abadiania, Brazil, one while assisting with a Discovery Channel documentary on John's work. He will summarize his observations and answer questions on them in lectures (with slides) in the Chapel from 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. on two Sundays: January 6th (Part 1) and January 27th (Part 2).

SUNDAY JANUARY 13:

Selected Poems of Mary Oliver,

led by John Miller

We will read and discuss spiritual poems of Mary Oliver, Pulitzer Prize winner and one of our most assessable poets...in the tradition of Emily Dickenson and Carl Sandburg.

SUNDAY JANUARY 20:

Faith in Action Forum,

led by Nancy Mullarkey

Learn about ongoing social and political efforts of our Faith in Action Committee and participate in a discussion about your areas of interest and concern for future efforts.

SUNDAY JANUARY 27:

John of God (Part 2),

led by Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

Described above.

BUILDING CLOSED

Please note that the building will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25 as well as Wednesday, December 26. Regular office hours will resume on December 27. We will also be closed January 1 on New Year's Day.

IT'S BAAAACK!

**"THE GREAT GCC CHILI COOKOFF"
CALLING ALL COOKS FOR JANUARY 27
"GCC GREAT CHILI COOKOFF II"**

Nearly twelve months after last year's inaugural chili cookoff, the heartburn has subsided. So it's time to find—or concoct—recipes for the "GCC Great Chili Cookoff II," to be hosted on Sunday, January 27, by the Boards of Fellowship and Confirmation & Youth.

Already six cooks in our midst—some returning for a second year, some new to the event—have signed up for the 2013 tasting. But, as they say, "the field is wide open" for this friendly competition, and we await a big pot of your favorite chili!

To join in on the fun, feed your fellow GCCers, and help earn money for next year's PYF mission trip, contact Stephen Isaacs at siaacs3@bloomberg.net, who will respond with guidelines for the evening.

JUST REMEMBER: You bring the chili, we'll supply the Maalox!

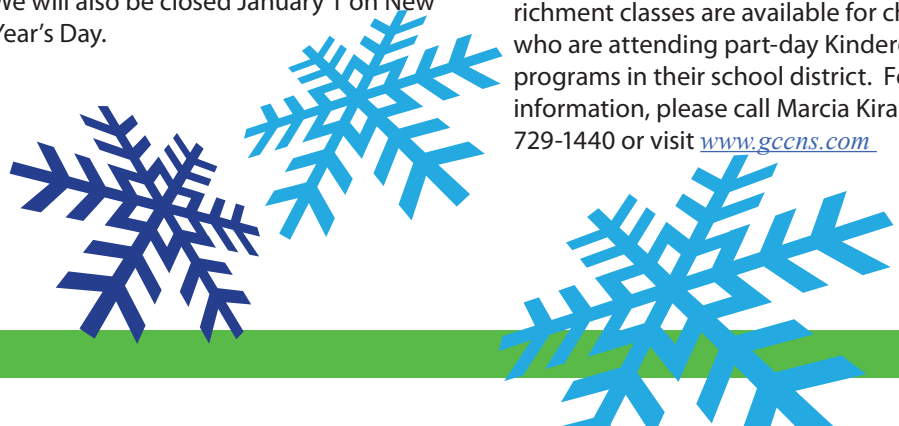
GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOLS

Registration for the 2013-2014 school year here! Currently enrolled families or families that have been enrolled in GCCNS need to turn their registration forms into the school's office by January 16 at 9:00 a.m. for the In House lottery.

OPEN HOUSE for prospective families begins January 23, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

OPEN REGISTRATION begins on February 6, 2013.

Classes are available for children two to five years of age, with Enrichment Classes throughout the year. Kindergarten Enrichment classes are available for children who are attending part-day Kindergarten programs in their school district. For more information, please call Marcia Kiraly at 847-729-1440 or visit www.gccns.com





Bring a Touch of Holiday Cheer to Others!

Volunteers are needed to help deliver Poinsettias after Christmas. This delivery is a wonderful way you can reach out to church members and friends who are ill or home-bound. It takes a little of your time, but means so much to those receiving the flowers. You may pick up the poinsettia for delivery after the 11:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve or pick it up at the Elm Street door by the circular drive between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Wednesday, December 26. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please call Sarah Koloms at (847) 724-3140. Leave a voice mail if I am not home, and I will get right back to you! Remaining poinsettias will be delivered to a local nursing home after the holiday.

MISSION TREE

Please drop off your donations of cold weather items (mittens, stretch gloves, hats, and socks) at the Mission Tree set up in the Mayflower Room. The tree will stay up through December 23. Items will be delivered to The Night Ministry for distribution through their outreach bus. The Night Ministry is a long time agency partner of GCC and, through the Health Outreach Bus, Youth Outreach Van and Youth Shelter Network, they work on the ground in Chicago neighborhoods to reach adults, teens, pregnant and new moms who have nowhere else to go (www.thenightministry.org).

PASTORAL CARE

We offer our sympathy and prayers to Pearl Hiltz and family on the passing of her sister, Eleanor Cobb on November 19, 2012.

Our sympathy to Jennifer Rahaley on the passing of her father, Richard Lee on December 7, 2012. Please continue to hold the family in your prayers.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

The GCC Christmas Eve offering will be given to The Night Ministry. Only funds placed in the Christmas envelopes will be applied to this special offering. If you write a check, please make it payable to GCC, but place "Night Ministry" in the memo section. The Night Ministry has helped homeless and at-risk populations since 1976 in the Chicago area. Among other services, the Night Ministry provides healthcare at its Health Outreach Bus. Each visitor of the bus is given assistance and is told they do matter, that all is not lost, and that there is hope. Help us make a difference in the lives of others who are not as fortunate as we are and consider making a contribution to this wonderful organization.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT

The Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation has been a viable agency since its inception fifteen years ago. Volunteers and donors have provided comfort for children and teens fighting cancer. With the opening of the 42nd Treasure Chest Program in Naperville, 7,900 children and teens are served across the nation. The Foundation looks forward to opening more centers to benefit the other 32,100 children and teens battling cancer who are not yet being served. Consider purchasing a small toy (*please no stuffed animals*) or a \$5.00 gift card while holiday shopping. Gifts children receive and cannot use or return are also welcome. Our collection will continue through January. The congregation is invited to participate.

MISSION MOMENT

During our December 23, 2012 service, Rev. David Weasley will be speaking to us about the work of The Night Ministry in Chicago. This wonderful mission provides hospitality to vulnerable young people experiencing homelessness in Chicago. About 10-11,000 young people experience homelessness each year in the city. Rev. Weasley will also make himself available during Coffee Hour to talk more about this important work and about ways you can get involved.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school classes will not be in session on December 23 and 30. The children are invited to worship in the Sanctuary. After the children's message, the students will be dismissed to the Founders room to create cards to accompany the poinsettias on December 23 and to enjoy carols and cocoa on December 30. January 6 is family worship. Regular Sunday school classes resume on January 13, 2013.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmands are on break December 23 and 30 and will meet again on January 6. You should be at least half-finished with your written service projects and worship reflections. If you participated in the Pageant, you may write up a service project on what you did and learned. Thanks to all the families who have contributed refreshments each week.

PYF 4:00 - 6:00 PM YOUTH ROOM

JANUARY 6:

PYF Cooks and Eats Together:

Join as we cook and share a meal. Vegan/Vegetarian options will be provided. 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Youth Room

JANUARY 13:

New Mother Kits:

Please bring donations of some of the following; diapers, wipes, baby powder, one-sies, diaper cream, receiving blankets, bottles, pacifiers, etc. 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Youth Room

JANUARY 18/19

Winter Trip

JANUARY 25:

Night Walk with the Night Ministry: Details to come.

JANUARY 27:

Church Wide Chili Cook-Off

Details to come.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

THUR	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 5:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
12/20	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex
	11:00 AM	Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm
	1:00 PM	Alzheimer's & Related Dementias Support, Narthex
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
12/21	1:00 PM	GCC Pickleball, Gym
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
SAT	9:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
12/22	7:30 AM	Simple Gifts Concert, Sanctuary
SUN	9:15 AM	Primary Choir, Rm 201
12/23	10:00 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Sunday School, Founders Rm
	11:00 AM	Community Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
	11:15 AM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm
	4:00 PM	Voices of GCC & Intergenerational Choir, Rm 201
MON	9:15 AM	Primary Choir, Rm 201
12/24	3:00 PM	Voices of GCC & Intergenerational Choir, Sanctuary
	4:30 PM	Christmas Eve Family Worship, Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	Christmas Eve Meditative Worship, Sanctuary
	10:30 PM	Music of Christmas, Sanctuary
	11:00 PM	Christmas Eve Festive Worship Celebration, Sanctuary
TUE		Christmas Day - Merry Christmas!
12/25		Building Closed
WED		Day After Christmas
12/26		Building Closed
THUR	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex
12/27	11:00 AM	Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm
FRI	1:00 PM	GCC Pickleball, Gym
12/28	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201
SAT	9:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
12/29		
SUN	10:00 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary
12/30	10:00 AM	Sunday School, Founders Rm
	11:00 AM	Community Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
MON	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
12/31		
TUE		New Year's Day, Happy New Year!
1/1		Building Closed
WED	1:00 PM	GCC Pickleball, Gym
1/2	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Gym
	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 201

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS JANUARY 9, 2013 AT 9:00 AM

A NEW YEAR, A NEW YOU

Looking for a way to add balance, strength, and flexibility to your life? Looking for a way to decrease stress? Look to Yoga! With physical postures and conscious breathing, yoga integrates the body, mind and spirit.

Ongoing class on Thursdays, 9-10 am in the Narthex

ADDITIONAL NEW CLASS!! Starts January 7, 2013.

Basic Yoga, Monday evenings, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in Room 201.

Dress in comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat. Drop-ins welcome. Taught by Kelly Golding, Registered Yoga Teacher
Fee: \$10 per class, scholarships available.

Sponsored by Advocate Parish Nurse Program Questions?
Contact Kelly at (847) 657-1314 or kellygolding@comcast.net

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY ASSEMBLY

Save the date! On Saturday, January 26 join members of GCC's Faith in Action Team and faith communities from across Chicagoland at Community Renewal Society's Annual Martin Luther King Day Assembly for a morning of worship, song and action to hold public officials accountable for the needs of our communities. The Assembly will be at First Baptist Congregational Church, 1613 West Washington Avenue in Chicago, from 10:00 A.M. to noon.

YEAR END GIVING REMINDER

Your financial gifts to Glenview Community Church must be received in the church office by 4:00 pm on December 31st, 2012 or postmarked by December 31st, 2012 in order to be recorded as a gift for the 2012 pledge year. Your financial gifts to GCC are greatly appreciated!





DO-IT-YOURSELF

Messiah Returns To Glenview

Our newly-appointed choir director Stephen Blackwelder has made his way through a busy fall choir season at GCC and successfully completed his first Pageant performances. "The gifts of talent-- of dance, music, narration and all kinds of theatre craft-- in this congregation are overwhelming," Blackwelder relates. With the mounting of a new holiday event at GCC, he hopes to share with the congregation (and the greater Glenview community) one of his "personal favorite" musical and spiritual experiences, the "Do-It-Yourself" Messiah, which will occur on **Saturday, December 22 at 7:30 PM.**

Stephen's connection with Handel's "Messiah" goes back to his early childhood. "Like so many American musicians, it is probably the single piece of music that first riveted me as a youngster. I first experienced the power of really good music in a small parish church -- in my case it was in the late 1960s in my hometown," Blackwelder recalled. "The work was Handel's "Messiah," and the small volunteer choir was well-trained and assisted by a professional string ensemble and vocal soloists. It quite literally opened a larger world to me, both musically and spiritually."

For this event, our own Chancel Choir, soloists, church instrumentalists and attendees will be accompanied by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra, of which Blackwelder has been the Music Director since 2000. When Stephen began his work at GCC this fall, it was a natural idea to bring these two north suburban musical groups together.

The "Do-It-Yourself" idea was born at a small church in rural England more than 30 years ago. It was first staged in Chicago in 1976 by the International Music Foundation. The concept spread to many English-speaking countries across the globe and provides choral singers a chance to join their voices in an "instant chorus" of hundreds-- in most cases, accompanied with full orchestra.

Blackwelder has hosted and directed numerous performances of Messiah in both concert and "Do-It-Yourself" formats. He adds, "You don't even have to sing--- just come and enjoy being a part of this special community. We invite you to take a break from your present wrapping and last minute holiday shopping to join us in singing and sharing the grandeur and true meaning of Christmas."

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COMMUNITY CONCERTS

**SATURDAY,
December 22
7:30 PM**

Do-It-Yourself Messiah

The Christmas portion of Handel's MESSIAH will be performed in the "Do It Yourself" tradition with the entire Glenview community invited to join in. Led by the Chancel Choir, our GCC soloists and instrumentalists – all accompanied by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra. Stephen Blackwelder, Conductor; Gary Wendt, Organist.

**SATURDAY,
February 2
7:00 PM**

Sing for Their Supper

Glenview Community Church musicians will perform a variety of vocal and instrumental works featuring repertoire from the Sally W. Clonts Memorial Library. Proceeds to benefit Northfield Township Food Pantry.