

A LENTEN CONFESSION...

Two weeks ago on a Sunday morning, one of the confirmands asked me what I was giving up for Lent. Without really thinking, I said, "Nothing." Oops! Probably not the answer he was expecting. Perhaps he was thinking, "What, my minister is not even taking Lent seriously! What is wrong with her?!"

I guess I was just being honest. I wanted to have a well-scripted response about my spirituality for this Lenten season, but I confess my spiritual discipline seemed pretty lax.

Deborah Lewis, an ordained United Methodist elder and campus minister writes a blog in a religious magazine that I like. She doesn't do very well in "giving up or taking on things during Lent." She says that sometimes we just have to "make space for God to enter" and that is a start. When we do that, then we "can meet God in the strange and wondrous places that God is waiting this year."

Just start! Just show up! Hmm, I think I can do that.

Rev. Lewis says she knows a body builder who encourages people to just start going to the gym, even if they only read a magazine once they get there! She writes, "Making room for the new habit of going to the gym (or whatever it is for you) is the most important part. The rest will come. God will bring it in the space you hold open."

Really? It's that easy? Just leave space for God to enter? And I'm forgiven and loved anyway? Even if...? Yes.

We're halfway through the season of Lent. There's still time to reflect. There's still time to give thanks. There's still time to make space for God. Remember, "God can meet you in the space of nothingness and redeem your lack. What have you got to lose?"

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WORSHIP SERVICES

MARCH 13, 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

WILLSAN MATTER

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize **Embarrassing Devotion**

MARCH 20, 2016

PALM SUNDAY **NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED**

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 19:28-40

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize When Peace Isn't Quiet

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY

March 20 10:00 a.m.

Chancel Choir

MAUNDY THURSDAY March 24

Communion, Chancel Choir Scripture:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

7:30 p.m.

March 25

Chancel Choir

GOOD FRIDAY

Scripture:

John 18:1-19:42

HOLY SATURDAY

March 26

Easter Vigil in the Chapel

EASTER SUNDAY

March 27 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Communion at both services, Chancel Choir, Joyful Ringers,

Instrumentalists.

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 15:19-26, Luke 24:1-12

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize For This Life Only?

NEW MEMBER OPPORTUNITY

Have you been attending GCC for a while and thinking about becoming a member? We will receive new members on Palm Sunday, March 20 at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. There will be an informational session offered on either Sunday, March 13 after worship or Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Rev. Keckler if you wish to attend one of the sessions or are interested in joining the church: pam.keckler@gccucc.org or 847-724-2210, Ext. 224.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Each Sunday we enjoy the altar flowers during our time of worship. The flowers are then delivered by a member of the Pastoral Care Board to a home-bound member of the church. People often honor or remember a loved one who has passed when they purchase the altar flowers for a particular Sunday. We still have some Sundays open this year for altar flower sponsors. If you would like more information or wish to reserve a Sunday, please contact Susan Woodsome in the church office for details: 847-724-2210, Ext. 225.

COOKIE DAY A GREAT SUSSCESS

Many thanks to all who baked - bought - brought - and packaged cookies for the Night Ministry on Valentine's Day. That evening PYF packed 3,100 cookies. They were delivered to the Night Ministry the next week. Our cookies are so much appreciated - this is nearly a month's supply. A package of 3 cookies is given to each person who visits the bus as they are leaving. Everyone loves cookies - especially when they're really hungry. Thanks again for participating in our 17th Annual Cookie Day. *Dori Hirsch*

STEWARDSHIP 2016: "GRACE UPON GRACE"

Our Stewardship Campaign to sustain and grow the Message, Ministries and Mission of our church is coming to a close with total congregational commitments of about \$954,000. But Stewardship continues. It is non-stop. It is enduring. Stewardship is a ministry, a calling, a way for each of us to respond in faith and gratitude for God's abundant grace and everlasting love.

Blessings from Your Stewardship Board

ENGAGE IN THE GCC COMMUNITY

Would you like to connect with more people at GCC? How about helping GCC to make Christ's message, ministry and mission of love real for all people?

You can do these things by serving on one of GCC's boards. If you are interested, please reach out to any board member or to Nancy Mullarkey, at <u>Mullarkeyn@hotmail.com</u>. The Leadership Committee is in the process of recruiting members to fill a variety of responsibilities to keep our Christian Community vibrant and loving.

LILY DELIVERS NEEDED!!!

The Easter season is upon us and we are looking for folks to bring joy to some of our congregants by delivering an Easter Lily, or two, to their home. These beautiful plants are a wonderful way to meet and fellowship with others while sharing the good news of Easter. Plants will be available after the second Easter service on Sunday March 27 or on the Tuesday following for pick up. If you are able to help, please email or call Sarah Koloms from the Pastoral Care Board! Koloms 5@comcast.net or 847-724-3140. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve!

ADULT ED PROGRAM

THE RED BADGE OF COURAGE Tom Lutz, April 3, 2016

SPIRITUALITY GAINED AND LOST William Janssens, LCSW, April 10, 2016

Many cultures of the past used and still use drugs, gathered from nature's bounty, to gain a higher level of connectedness and understanding of the world around them. Contemporary societies can lose spirituality with the use of the same drugs, as well as those manufactured. The drugs are used to hide and withdraw from the world around them. Some understanding of past usage and current ideas that are driving the trends of today will be presented.

THE CASE OF A SPIRITUALIST AND HIS SUPER-RATIONAL CREATION, Stephanie Colburn, April 17, 2016

A preliminary investigation into the relationship between Spiritualism, avowed by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle after decades of first-hand experience, and the super-rational logic that marks his creation, the world's first consulting detective, Mr. Sherlock Holmes. What happens when you put them together in 1912 in the sitting room of London's 221B Baker Street? Which one of them still lives in this world of 2016?

CHANGE TO PAGEANT TIMES FOR 2016

Yes, it's not even Easter and this is a message about the Pageant! In an effort to involve more children who often cannot participate in the Pageant due to Sunday afternoon activities, this year, we are going to have both performances in the morning, so please mark your calendars now for Sunday, December 4th at 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact CJ Sultz at 312-933-0413.



MARCH MISSION MADNESS

The Mission Outreach Board is once again challenging the congregation of GCC to perform service hours during the month of March to celebrate community service. We hope to encourage volunteerism as a way to demonstrate God's love in our community. In 2015 GCC members recorded over 1500 hours of service – in 2016 we can do more!

Service can take many forms; shoveling a neighbor's walk, teaching Sunday school, working at a food pantry or making a meal for someone in need - the list goes on.

Beginning March 6, cards to record service hours will be placed in the bulletin. Please return completed cards to the designated box in the Narthex and check out the chart displaying recorded hours for everyone to see and celebrate.

SPRING YOGA

MONDAY EVENINGS

7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Room 201 March 7 - May 23 (no class 3/28), or

THURSDAY MORNINGS

9:00 - 10:00 a.m., Narthex March 10 - May 26

Dress in comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat. For questions or to register by *March 1*: <u>kellygolding@comcast.net</u> or 847-657-1314

CONFIRMATIONBAKE SALE

The 7th grade confirmands are offering a bake sale on Sunday, March 20 as a service project together for Heifer International. Join them following worship for some goodies and lots of smiles!



HANDS OF PEACE BENEFIT EVENING

The theme for this year's Hands of Peace Benefit Evening is "riding the peace train." The event will be held at the Museum of Science and Industry on Sunday, April 17 from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. Featured speakers will be filmmakers Jen Heck and Maria del a O, along with Hands of Peace alumni, Adam Heffez '06, Katie Hughes '04, and Bashar Sorri '06, who will share how Hands of Peace has influenced their lives and how they continue to work for peace. For more information, including ticket and table prices, go to www.handsofpeace.org or contact Gretchen Grad.

PYF ON SUNDAYS

Each Sunday PYF meets in the Youth Room from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. to gather, learn, and grow together. This year's theme is *Nar-rate*. We will look at different ways stories are narrated each week in addition to the activities below.

MARCH 11

Lock In! Invitations to the lock-in will be mailed home. Please let Elizabeth know if you do not get yours.

MARCH 20

Easter Egg Fun!

PYF ON WEDNESDAYS (POW)

POW meets each Wednesday from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Enjoy a meal and learn a little bit more about the Bible. There will be open gym and youth room.

LET'S MEET UP

First Thursdays: calling all adults 21 to 91+! Come out to Grandpa's on the first Thursday of each month to socialize and meet new people from GCC! Starts at 8:00 p.m. - look for our new sign! Whether you're 21, 41, 61 or 91+, you're sure to find someone to connect with! We hope to see all of you on *April 7, 2016*. Sponsored by the Fellowship Board.

SPRINGPLANT SALE

As in years past, Chapter 1 of the Women's Association will be having their annual plant sale this spring. Orders are due by **Sunday**, **April 17** and flowers will be available for delivery or pick up on Saturday, May 14, from 9 to noon. Please consider placing an order for your garden flowers, pots, hanging baskets as well as some herbs and vegetables. The quality of the plants is excellent and most importantly, proceeds from the sale go directly in to beautifying the GCC grounds.

COMMON GROUND KENNETH JAMES

MARCH 16, 2016, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. **Dreams, Healing, and The Self**

In this presentation, participants will consider ways to move from dreams to a deeper understanding of individual suffering, spiritual sustenance, and continuous healing by deepening the relationship to what Jung called the Self, the source and destiny of each individual life. Symbols in dreams are resources from the deep unconscious, the Self, offered to our waking identity, our Ego complex. Ways to remember dreams, and examples of how to work with dream imagery in waking life will be covered, and there will be ample opportunity of sharing.

HOMETOWN AUCTION AND CHILI COOK-OFF!

Plans are underway for our third "hometown" auction on **Sunday, April 10**. This year's event will also be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of GCC! This will be a live auction with a professional auctioneer. The Confirmation and Youth Board and the Fellowship Board are teaming up again to sponsor this event, with all proceeds supporting confirmation and youth programming, including this summer's mission trip to West Virginia. We look forward to participation from the entire congregation. Look for additional information in the upcoming weeks.

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 10 March	2016	
8:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Yoga Classes	Narthex
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Meetings	Mayflower
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, 11 March 20	16	
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Pickleball	Gym
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA MEETING	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library
Saturday, 12 March	2016	
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
Sunday, 13 March 2	016	
8:00 AM to 9:30 AM	Stewardship Board Meeting	Founders
8:30 AM to 10:00 AM	Confirmation Classes	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 9:45 AM	Adult Ed	Chapel
9:15 AM to 9:45 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal	Room 201
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
11:15 AM to 12:00 PM	Membership Board Meeting	Parlor
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM	Family Fun Pizza!	Mayflower
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal	Bell Room
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Concert for Peace	Sanctuary
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM	Voices of GCC	Room 201
Monday, 14 March 2	2016	
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Faith in Action Team	Parlor
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Patrol Leader Meetings	Founders
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Yoga Classes	Room 201
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Cub Scout Committee Meeting	Room 213
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Mission Outreach Board Mtg.	Parlor
Tuesday, 15 March		
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM	60 Plus Luncheon	Mayflower
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	12th Grade Dinner	Youth Room
6:45 PM to 9:00 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wednesday, 16 Mar		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM	Chapter 20 Meeting	Chapel
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor
4:00 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Mayflower
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM	POW / 87 Club	Mayflower
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Common Ground	Chapel
Thursday, 17 March		
8:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Yoga Classes	Narthex
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 - Court of Honor	Mayflower

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE	BROADCASTER IS
MARCH 16, 2016 AT 9:00 AM	

LIFE EVERLASTING

We trust the promise of the resurrection for Mr. Jeremy Garland, stepfather of Carol Uhl, who passed away on February 23, 2016, even as we hold Carol and Greg, Sylvia and Isabelle in our prayers. Mr. Garland was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Arlington Heights. A service will be held there on April 23, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. May God's peace be with all.

Event Time		Event Name	Primary Location
7:30 PM to 9:0	0 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, 18 Mar	ch 2016	3	
9:00 AM to 1:0	0 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
1:00 PM to 3:0	0 PM	Pickleball	Gym
6:30 PM to 8:30	0 PM	Cub Scouts Blue and Gold	Mayflower
7:00 PM to 8:3	0 PM	GCC Adult Volleyball	Gym
8:00 PM to 9:0	0 PM	AA MEETING	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:0	0 PM	AL-ANON	Library
Saturday, 19 M	larch 20	016	
8:00 AM to 12:0	0 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:0	0 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
Sunday, 20 Ma	arch 201	16	
8:30 AM to 10:0	0 AM	Confirmation Classes	Plymouth Room
10:00 AM to 11:0	0 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:0	0 AM	Palm Sunday - GCC Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 AM to 12:3	0 PM	Fellowship/Easter Egg Hunt & Pizza	Mayflower
11:15 AM to 12:3	0 PM	Leadership Committee Meeting	Parlor
11:30 AM to 12:3	0 PM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal	Bell Room
4:00 PM to 6:0	0 PM	PYF	Youth Room
Monday, 21 Ma	arch 20	16	
6:30 PM to 8:3	0 PM	Yoga Classes	Room 201
7:00 PM to 9:0	0 PM	Finance Board Meeting	Room 210
Tuesday, 22 M	larch 20	16	
11:30 AM to 1:30	0 PM	WA Chapter 8 Meeting	Founders
5:30 PM to 7:30	0 PM	12th Grade Dinner	Youth Room
5:30 PM to 7:30	0 PM	Voices Rehearsal	Room 201
6:45 PM to 9:0	0 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 9:3	0 PM	Spirtual Council Meeting	Mayflower
Wednesday, 2	3 March	2016	
3:00 PM to 4:3	0 PM	Bible Study	Parlor
4:00 PM to 5:1	5 PM	FISH	Mayflower
5:30 PM to 8:0	0 PM	POW / 87 Club	Mayflower

CONCERT FOR PEACE:MOVING TO PEACE

Come hear Katherine Hughes, violinist; Kevin Kizer, saxophonist; the HAWK String Quartet (Carol Kalvonjian, violinist, Chuck Bontrager, violist, and Jill Kaeding, cellist); Gary Wendt, organist; Jade Maze, jazz vocalist; and the rhythm section of Kent Wehman, Ken Haebich, and Neal Wehman; with members of the Glenview Community Church Chancel Choir, in a concert exploring the theme of peace on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. Special guest appearances include Elliot Dvorin, vocalist, of the Key Tov Orchestra and Ahmet Cavus, voice, and Murat Surucu, ney (Middle Eastern flute), from the Turkish American Society, Mt. Prospect.

Listen to and sing along with songs about peace, with a variety of styles and ensembles from traditional to contemporary. There will be a free will offering to benefit Hands of Peace

(www.handsofpeace.org).



EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Please return by Friday, March 18th, 2016

Please return form to: GCC – Attn. Susan 1000 Elm St. Glenview, IL 60025

This year lilies are - \$18.00 per plant

Please Print

Name	
Phone/Email	
Please place m	y order for lily(ies) to be used for the holiday season
Donated By:	
In Memory of	
In Honor of	
Please check y	our choice below:
1)Please	deliver the plant to a GCC shut-in
2)I woul	d like to help deliver plants to homes, hospitals & nursing homes
a)	I will pick up this plant after the 11:00 A.M. Easter Sunday service (Not Before)
b)	I will pick up this plant on Tuesday, March 29th between 11:00 – 12:00 PM.
3) I will p	ick up my ordered plant for my own use (must be picked up at GCC after the
11:00 A	.M. Easter service OR Tues March 29th from 11:00 – 12:00 P.M.)

TOTAL ORDER

between 9:30 and noon

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Nonprofit Organization

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

PONDERING IN SILENCE...

As often as you can, take a trip out to the fields to pray. All the grasses will join you.

They will enter your prayers and give you strength to sing praises to God. —Rabbi Nachman of Breslov