WERE YOU THERE?

Were You There? is one of the most beloved hymns of Holy Week...especially for Good Friday. Our Chancel Choir will sing a moving arrangement of this great hymn in our Good Friday Tenebrae Service this Friday evening. The four verses very simply tell the story of Jesus' passion...the story of His crucifixion and resurrection. Here's how they begin:

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

And then, with each verse, the hymn expresses the emotion that each of these questions stirs up in our hearts:

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there? It's a haunting question. And, for me, it calls to mind the most significant and transforming moments in my life – crisis and grief, milestones and joy – and who was there...who cared enough to make the journey to **be there**. Presence... simply being there...is an amazing, humbling, gift: a gift that has motivated me to give thanks for those who have been present in my life by **being there** for others. In a popular phrase of our culture, that's **paying it forward.**

Holy Week is our invitation and opportunity to **be there** with Jesus through the most difficult, and then the most joyful, moments of His life. There was a day when Holy Week church services – especially Maundy Thursday and Good Friday – were packed. Now, even for Christian expressions more rigorous than ours, there are more empty pews than full ones. So the verse of this beloved hymn that we answer most enthusiastically with our presence is the fourth one, the one we answer on Easter: *Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?*

As we enter into Holy Week this year, let the words of *Were You There?* move and inspire you. Will you be there when they crucify my Lord? Will you be there when they nail Him to the tree? And, will you be there when they lay Him in the tomb?

Friends, Jesus is there for us. Will you be there for Jesus? See you in church!

Chuck Mize

MARCH 23, 2016

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 24 7:30 p.m. Communion, Chancel Choir

Scripture:

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

GOOD FRIDAY

March 25 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

HOLY SATURDAY

March 26 7:30 p.m. 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

WORSHIP SERVICES

APRIL 3, 2016

Decades Sunday and 75th Anniversary Kick-Off

10:00 a.m.

Scripture: Psalm 150 John 20:19-31

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize *Evidence*

APRIL 10, 2016

Vivaldi's Gloria

10:00 a.m.

Scripture: Psalm 30 John 21:1-19

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize **Do You Love Me?**

APRIL 17, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Scripture: Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize Whose Sheep Are You?

FORWARD IN FAITH

That's the name of our Capital Campaign, and the tag line is **Honoring our Past**, **Securing our Future**.

The process that has led us to this Campaign has been a careful, detailed and long one! Many members of GCC have devoted tremendous time, energy and commitment to bring us to where we are today. And this is where we are:

- 1. A Capital Task Force was gathered to assess the needs of our facility and plan a process to address those needs. With the help of **Perry and Associates**, we learned that every major system in our facility has exceeded its useful life. That means that, from foundation to roof, and everything in between, we can expect major failures of our systems at any time. In addition to securing our facility, we discovered that the facility has many function, accessibility and aesthetic deficiencies.
- 2. The Capital Task Force interviewed several architectural firms to help us develop a comprehensive plan to bring our facility up to current standards. We selected The Kubala Washatko Architects (TKWA) of Cedarburg, Wisconsin to assist us. TKWA engaged us in a collaborative process that engaged the GCC user groups (those who use our facility regularly) and invited the congregation to join the conversation in several open meetings. From these conversations, TKWA developed twenty Patterns that positively state what we hope to achieve as solutions for our facility's failings. Then TKWA began to draw those **Patterns** into a Master Plan, working diligently to achieve them within the limitations of our present facility. This Master Plan is the source for the renderings now displayed in the narthex. It is not a completed design for what we will do. Instead, it is an exciting vision of what is possible for our facility that supports our Message, Ministries and Mission.

- 3. Concurrent to its work with TKWA, the Capital Task Force was also planning for a Capital Campaign to raise the funds necessary to renew our facility. Because of their extensive experience and success in church fund raising, the Capital Task Force chose Havey & Associates, Inc. of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin to lead a Capital Campaign. On January 31, the congregation voted to authorize a Capital Campaign, using the services and support of Havey & Associates, Inc.
- 4. Now that the Capital Campaign is beginning, the Master Plan is on hiatus. When the Capital Campaign is complete, we will return to the Master Plan to refine it and align it with the financial resources that the Capital Campaign has realized.

How blessed we are that the Capital Campaign is moving *Forward in Faith!* A number of our fellow GCC members have said YES! to leadership positions in this campaign. They are:

Campaign Coordinators

Karen and Tom Aldrich

Campaign Steering Committee

Karen and Tom Aldrich, Paul Bauerschmidt, Chris Clark, Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, Steve Hill, Rev. Pam Keckler, Rev. Chuck Mize, Doug Morgan, Nancy Mullarkey and Sally Thuresson.

Congregational Chairpersons

Lauren Bauerschmidt, Kara Clark, Steve Hill, Jane Hund, Mike Lauesen, Brad Smith, Jason Stutz, and Sally Thuresson

Campaign Treasurer

Susan Woodsome

Campaign Auditor

Dale Wittenberg

It's an exciting and challenging time at GCC. With God's help, we will move *Forward in Faith* together!

Chuck Mize

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?

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 Mullarkeyn@hotmail.com. The Leadership Committee is in the process of recruiting members to fill a variety of responsibilities to keep our Christian Community vibrant and loving.



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.

ALL VOLUNTEERS

During the April 17 church service, the Membership Board will be honoring all of those who have volunteered at GCC in some capacity during the past year. Lunch and cake will be offered after the service in the Mayflower Room. We hope that you will join us for this special occasion to be thanked and to thank others that have donated their time and talents to our congregation.

CONGRATULATONS

Elizabeth James Asnis arrived March 1, 2016. Parents are Deirdre (Deakyne) and John Asnis. Delighted grandmother is Ann Deakyne.

Gabriel Berumen, of our Facility Staff, recently welcomed a baby boy to their family. Welcome Max! Best Wishes to everyone!

HANDS OF PEACE BENEFIT EVENING

Get on the Peace Train! The Chicago Annual Benefit for Hands of Peace is Sunday, April 17 at the Museum of Science and Industry. Guest speakers include Jen Heck and Maria de la O, makers of "The Promised Band," as well as Hands of Peace alumni. Enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the "Great Train" exhibit, followed by a delicious meal in the Grand Rotunda. Free underground parking is available with direct access to the Museum. Guests will also have the chance to participate in an auction directed by master auctioneer Tom LeClair. For more information and ticket purchases go to www.handsofpeace.org.

"The Promised Band" will be shown in its entirety free of charge at the HOPEducation Film Dialogue Night on Wednesday, April 6, 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

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.

60 PLUS

All Seniors and their friends are invited to our monthly 60 Plus Luncheon and Program on Tuesday, April 19 from noon until 1:30 in the Mayflower Room. RSVP to Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds 847-724-2210, Ext. 230.

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 to beautifying the GCC grounds. Plant forms are available in the church office and online at www.gccucc.org.

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.

HOMETOWN AUCTION AND CHILI COOK-OFF!

"Hometown" Auction and Chili Cook-off is right around the corner on Sunday, April 10 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Mark your calendar now for a night of food, fellowship, and fun, and don't forget to bring in your donation to help raise money for this summer's mission trip to West Virginia. We already have a pinball machine, a year of baked goods, and Cubs tickets. No donation is too small! Cash donations are also welcome! An auctioneer will lead us in the fun of bidding, and smaller items will be available for sale on the side. This year's event is also a celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Church, so you won't want to miss it! Donation forms on the website or in the office. Questions? karen.ornduff@gmail.com or colleenmackimm@hotmail.com

Chili makers can register with <u>janetmcw16@</u> <u>gmail.com</u>

A House For All God's People Since 1941

Since June of 2015, a committee consisting of Beryl Bills, Susan Johns, Chuck Mize, Beth Raebel, Allan Ruter, Tricia Swaydrak, and Bob Warskow has met repeatedly and worked closely with board chairs, organizational leaders, and ministerial and pastoral staff to coordinate plans for celebrating GCC's 75th anniversary in 2016.

In coming days all church households will receive a special brochure with the calendar of events that reveals how—thanks to the energetic and creative engagement of so many of our members—the coming months will affirm the anniversary theme of "GCC Alive!"

Our celebration will launch on Sunday, April 3, with "Music Through the Decades" during the worship service followed by an opening anniversary reception and curated historical display by Susan Johns, GCC's archival librarian, in the Mayflower Room. Come join us!

NEED HELP WITH YOUR RESUME? OR HELP WITH THE **INTERVIEW PREP?**

GCC is offering a new service to assist job seekers, whether recent graduates or those seeking a new position, in the interview process, including resume writing and interview preparation. (The purpose is not to help job seekers with the networking or specific job search process).

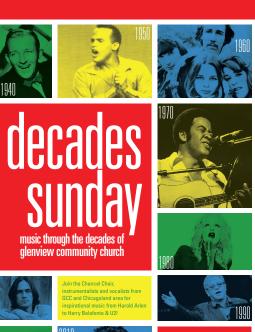
Nick Bubnovich, long-time consultant to HR organizations, will be leading this new service. If you need some assistance, please contact Nick at 847-494-4972.



WOMEN'S RETREAT RECAP

year! Join us!

Twenty-six women of all ages enjoyed a wonderful weekend recently at the Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel in Northbrook. Our theme was "A Spiritual Road Map: From Birth to Old Age" with Dr. Bobbie McKay as the Guide. Our weekend was spent in "looking at the cycle of life through the lens of God's presence in all of it." (McKay). Much thoughtful discussion took place in our small groups, with movie night on Saturday evening, and a closing worship service on Sunday morning. We're already planning for next







april 3, 2016

You won't want to miss Sunday, April 3 at GCC! On the Sunday after Easter this year we will celebrate Decades Sunday and the kick-off for GCC Alive: our 75th Anniversary Celebration!

Last year, we began a great new tradition of making the Sunday after Easter a Second Easter through the inspiration of popular secular music. The result was our unforgettable Beatles Sunday. This year, we will continue the tradition as we celebrate **Decades Sunday.** Featuring music of the decades of Glenview Community Church (1940's - 2010's), our Chancel Choir, instrumentalists and vocalists will offer inspirational music from Harold Arlen to Harry Belafonte and U2 in a celebration of life and love. What a wonderful way for us to begin GCC Alive and many wonderful events that are planned to help us remember how God has blessed us for 75 years and, more importantly, renew our faith as we move forward into the future God has planned for us. Join us!

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 24 Ma	arch 2016	
8:30 AM to 10:30	AM Yoga Classes	Narthex
6:30 PM to 9:00	PM North Suburban Day Care Meeting	Founders
7:30 PM to 8:30	PM Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary
Friday, 25 Marc	n 2016	
1:00 PM to 3:00	PM Pickleball	Gym
7:30 PM to 8:30	PM Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
8:00 PM to 9:00	PM AA MEETING	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00	PM AL-ANON	Library
Saturday, 26 Ma	rch 2016	
8:00 AM to 12:00	PM Mens Open Gym	Gym
7:30 PM to 8:30	PM Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil	Chapel
Sunday, 27 Mar	ch 2016	
9:00 AM to 10:00	AM Glenview Community Church Easter Sunday Service	Sanctuary
11:00 AM to 12:00	PM Glenview Community Church Easter Sunday Service	Sanctuary
12:30 PM to 9:00	PM Church Closed	Sanctuary
Monday, 28 Mar	ch 2016	
8:00 AM to 9:00	PM Church Closed	Sanctuary
Tuesday, 29 Ma	rch 2016	
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, 30	March 2016	
9:00 AM to 1:00	PM Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
3:00 PM to 4:30	PM Bible Study	Parlor
Thursday, 31 Ma	arch 2016	
8:30 AM to 10:30	AM Yoga Classes	Narthex
9:00 AM to 1:00	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, 01 April	2016	
9:00 AM to 1:00	PM Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
1:00 PM to 3:00	PM Pickleball	Gym
7:00 PM to 8:30	PM GCC Adult Volleyball	Gym
8:00 PM to 9:00	PM AA MEETING	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00	PM AL-ANON	Library
Saturday, 02 Ap	ril 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, 03 Apri	I 2016	
9:00 AM to 10:00	AM Adult Ed - Science & Religion - N. Bubnovich	Chapel
10:00 AM to 11:00	AM Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	y SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00	AM GCC - Decades Sunday - Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 AM to 12:00		Mayflower
11:30 AM to 12:30	PM Joyful Ringers Rehearsal	Bell Room

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS APRIL 6, 2016 AT 9:00 AM

USHER TRAINING SESSION

All of the usher teams, subs, and any other interested people are invited to an usher training session on Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mayflower Room.

We will discuss how to be a more welcoming church as well as safety issues, evacuation, fire, etc. in the case of an emergency. Leaders include Brian Tidwell, Douglas Heurich, and the pastoral staff. All are welcome.

Event Time	е	Event Name	Primary Location		
Monday, 04 April 2016					
12:00 PM to	1:30 PM	Called to Care	Founders		
6:30 PM to	8:30 PM	Yoga Classes	Room 201		
7:00 PM to	8:30 PM	BSA 156 Committee Mtgs	Founders		
7:30 PM to	8:30 PM	Cub Scout Committee Meeting	Room 213		
Tuesday, 05 April 2016					
5:30 PM to	7:30 PM	12th Grade Dinner	Youth Room		
6:45 PM to	9:00 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal	Sanctuary		
7:30 PM to	8:30 PM	Childrens Board Meeting	Youth Room		
Wednesday, 06 April 2016					
9:00 AM to	12:30 PM	Chapt 8 Food Prep	Kitchen		
9:00 AM to	1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room		
3:00 PM to	4:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor		
4:00 PM to	5:15 PM	FISH	Mayflower		
5:30 PM to	6:45 PM	GCC Community Dinner	Mayflower		
6:30 PM to	9:00 PM	HOP Movie Night	Chanel		

MUSIC & MOVEMENT CLASSES – SPRING 2016

If you arelooking for something for your younger child/children to do while the older child/children are in preschool, then Music and Movement classes are for you. This is also a class where both your younger children can attend together no matter what their ages. Our very own GCCNS music teacher, Debbie Berg, will be offering Music and Movement classes beginning the week of April 4 for children ages 9 months – 4 years. Classes will be offered on Tuesdays 9:15-10 a.m., 10:15-11 a.m. and Wednesdays 9:15-10 a.m., 10:15-11 a.m., and 11:00-11:45 a.m.. Classes will be of mixed age and parents or caregivers are required to stay with the child/children. The spring session will last for 6 weeks and end the week of May 16.

Registration forms can be found on the GCCNS website. Non-GCC families are welcome as well, so share the information with your friends from play groups, library story time, or neighbors. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Berg at debbieberg23@gmail.com.

SING TO LIVE CONCERT

The next Sing to Live Concert is Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at GCC with some favorite Beatlemania songs. Tickets are available online and at the door. Breast Cancer Survivors receive complimentary tickets.



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

PONDERING IN SILENCE...

Enthusiasm means "one with the energy of God." It's a kind of faith that has been set on fire.

----Writer George Matthew Adams

