

HOLY LISTENING

I've been doing a lot of listening lately. I've heard stories and tales from all ages of what's going on in their lives, what they like or don't like about the church these days.

I've been listening and talking with my mother as she adjusts to widowhood. Every once in a while she will say, "I miss him." And I know in some sense what she means. I miss my step dad as well. Even those silly card games I dreaded. I miss them.

Sometimes I listen to my young grandchildren chatter on the phone about their days at pre-school or first grade. That kind of listening takes a special attentive ear to sort out their words and excitement.

I've been listening to you who are worried about illnesses and dying. I've been listening to your hopes and dreams for your church. I've heard stories about your families, your work, and your faith journeys. Quaker writer Douglas Steere calls this Holy Listening. He says, "Holy Listening – to listen another's soul into life, into a condition of disclosure and discovery, may be almost the greatest service that any human being ever performs for another. This kind of listening is life-giving."

Especially during a time of transition it is important for us to be holy listeners. Think how much better you feel when you have shared a concern, a prayer request, a moment of joy with your holy listener. You listen to us as well – the staff, the ministers, the lay leaders. And we continue building this community of faith to listen to one another, to affirm each other, to be honest and direct, and to offer and then receive forgiveness. That's all part of building up the community of faith. But when we each take time daily to do some "holy listening" I think we are preparing to receive a blessing

and to bring us together even more. A portion of one of my favorite poems says it best:

When someone deeply listens to you It is like holding out a dented cup You've had since childhood And watching it fill up with Cold, fresh water.
When it balances on top of the brim, You are understood.
When it overflows and touches your skin, You are loved.

When someone deeply listens to you, The room where you stay Starts a new life And the place where you wrote Your first poem Begins to glow in your mind's eye. It is as if gold has been discovered!

When someone deeply listens to you, Your bare feet are on the earth And a beloved land that seemed distant Is now at home within you.

--John Fox "Finding What You Didn't Lose"

May you take a moment today for some holy listening.

Pam

Pastoral Care

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Ellen Krueger who died on September 30th. A memorial service will be held at Covenant Village in Northbrook on Saturday, October 15. Time yet to be determined, please call the church office for an update.



WORSHIP SERVICES

OCTOBER 9, 2011

8:00 a.m. A Time for Reflection10:00 a.m. Community Worship

Scripture:

Leviticus 16:29-34, Hebrews 5:1-3 & 7-9

Sermon:

"Yom Kippur: Christian Perspective" Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

4:00 p.m. 2nd Sunday Informal Worship

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-14

Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

OCTOBER 16, 2011

8:00 a.m. A Time for Reflection

10:00 a.m. *Community*

Scripture:

Exodus 33:12-23, Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon:

"Serving Whom?" Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

OCTOBER 23, 2011

8:00 a.m. A Time for Reflection

10:00 a.m. *Community*

Scripture:

Leviticus 19:13-17 Matthew 22:34-40

Sermon:

"Relating to Our Neighbor" Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby





2012 Stewardship

We'll be reporting results soon so keep watching this space and listen for our reports on Sundays during the next couple weeks. If you need to discuss your pledge, feel free to contact Moderator Bill Dailey, Reverend Doug Busby or Stewardship chair John Tillman. John can be reached via email at johnmtillman@gmail.com or by cell at (773)294-5081. Thank you for supporting GCC!

Leadership Committee

The GCC Leadership Committee is now considering candidates for the positions of Church Clerk and Church Treasurer. These positions are voted upon at the Mid Winter Congregational Meeting in February. Both positions are open to all adult members of the congregation. For a description of each position and their responsibilities, please refer to the GCC Constitution and By-Laws which can be obtained on the GCC website www. gccucc.org under the Resources tab or in the Church Office. The Leadership Committee will begin nomination discussions at our next meeting on October 16. If you are interested in being considered for either position or want further information, please contact David Aki at <u>dave254@comcast.net</u> or at (847)657-0139.

New Member Sessions

Have you been attending GCC for some time and want to find out more about how to become a member? Doug and Pam will be leading two new member classes (Part I and Part II) on Sunday afternoons October 16 and 23 from 3-5 p.m. Childcare is provided for those who make a reservation. We will then receive new members into the church during the 10:00 Community Worship on October 30. Please call the church office if you would like to be part of these sessions or if you have questions

Concert & Dedication

Chicago Theological Seminary is hosting a concert on Thursday, October 20 at 8:00 p.m. to celebrate their new building. The Dedication Ceremony and service will be held on Friday, October 21, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. All are invited. For ticket information on the concert, please see Rev. Keckler.

Second Sunday

Informal Worship Is Here!

We meet from 4:00-4:45 p.m. with time for fellowship following worship. There's a variety of songs such as Taize music, scripture, conversation about the meaning of scripture for our faith journey, as well as a time to share prayer concerns and joys. It's informal, so just come as you are to experience a time set apart from busy schedules. We meet in the Transept. All ages are welcome.

Save the Date

Each year on the first Sunday of November we offer an All Church Memorial Service at GCC for those who have lost loved ones either in the past year or several years ago. The names are read aloud and a brief worship service is included as well. This year we will gather together on Sunday afternoon, November 6 at 3:00 pm. Refreshments will be served by the Pastoral Care Board following our service.

Flu Shots This Weekend Seasonal Flu/H1N1 and Pneumonia Shots will be available at GCC

Saturday, October 8, 2011. Flu Shots and Pneumonia Shots will be given from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Sanctuary.

Registration will take place at the West Entrance of the church where you will also receive a number.

COST: 65 years and older FREE Flu Shot with Medicare Part B

All others:

\$27.00 - Seasonal Flu/H1N1 \$65.00 -Pneumonia

Questions? Call Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Health Care Parish Nurse, at (847)724-2210 ext. 230.

GCC Walkers

Sunday, October 16, we will be walking around the lake in Tower Lakes. We will leave from the north GCC lot at 11:45 a.m., giving time to change clothing and/ or shoes. We will be driving to the home of former GCC Walkers Jim and Diane Thompson, 118 South Hills Drive, Tower Lakes.II. We will have snacks afterwards.

Please let Steve Lindell know within a reasonable time frame if you are coming so that our hostess can plan, although any and all are welcome.

Adventures in Africa

60 Plus Luncheon Tuesday, October 18, 2011

Join us on an exciting journey as we listen to GCC member, Bill Cooper, share his amazing slides and experiences of his trip to Africa. Lunch is at 12 noon and the program will begin at 12:45 p.m. What a wonderful way to spend an afternoon!

If you need a ride, please call Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Health Care Parish Nurse at (847)724-2210 ext. 230.

Men's **Ministry WORKING WITH**

FIRST RESPONDERS

The Men's Ministry will be hosting a seminar on how to effectively work with First Responders in a medical emergency. First Responders are often the paramedics from the Fire Department who are dispatched by a call to 911 in a medical emergency. The seminar will be moderated by Steve Scholly and Brian Tidwell. They will discuss how best to call for help and what can be done until help arrives. This seminar will be held on Tuesday, October 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Founders Room and is open to everyone at GCC. If you have any questions, please contact David Aki at dave254@comcast.net or at (847)657-

The Good, The Bad and The Uglv

Make sure you save the date of October 26 for a Breakfast with Myra Loris, humorist and storyteller, who will bring to life, The Good, The Bad & The Ugly. A Chicago Story, focusing on three key events from 1909 through 1931.

- **The Good** created by architect, Daniel Burnham
- The Bad murder of 14 year-old "Bobby" Franks in 1924
- The Ugly acts of syndicate Boss Al Ca-

Join us in the Mayflower Room on Wednesday, October 26.

9:00 a.m. Breakfast 10:15 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Speaker

Tickets are \$15 and will be available at Fellowship Hour on October 9, 16, & 23. Sponsored by Chapter 8 Members of the Women's Association.

Phantom of the Opera

The 2011-2012 concert season is upon us, and what a year it is going to be! Join us for our first concert on Halloween Eve, October 30th at 7:30 p.m. Tom Trenney, one of America's leading concert organists, will accompany a showing of the great silent film, The Phantom of the Opera, starring Lon Chaney. It is sure to be a scary and fun evening for the whole family!

Crop Walk Sunday, October 16

If you want to walk with other confirmands on a Crop Walk, meet at the church at 7:30 a.m. that morning and bring a pledge of \$20. Please let your teacher know if you are unable to attend.

Adult Education Class

Sunday In The Chapel 8:50 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

OCTOBER 9

PYF Mission Trip Report

Join Elizabeth Ciccolini and members of the Pilgrim Youth Fellowship for an informative and inspiring presentation on the PYF Mission Trip to Logan, West Virginia.

Helping Hands of Glenview ANNUAL FALL YARD CLEAN-UP November 12, 2011

During the fall of each year, Helping Hands of Glenview coordinates a fall yard clean-up for seniors and persons with disabilities who are unable to do the work themselves or cannot afford to hire someone to do the work. If you are interested or would like to add your address to the list, please call Helping Hands at (847)729-8181. Leave your name, address and phone on the voicemail and someone will call you back.

Women's Fall Retreat October 21-22

Techny Towers, Northbrook Maria House

Theme: Be Still

Registration Forms are available in the office and on the web site www.gccucc.org. Each woman will have her individual bedroom. We'll meet Friday evening through Saturday afternoon. Take some time out for YOU and join us!

678 Parents

At our Confirmation Parent meeting we talked about the value of middle school parents getting together on Sunday mornings to talk about a range of topics affecting parents and young teens. We will offer a first session on Sunday, October 16 from 9:15-9:45 a.m. in the Youth Room. All Middler parents are welcome.

BASIC YOGA

Thursdays in October

Join Kelly Golding, Registered Yoga Teacher, for an hour of basic hatha yoga poses and breathing exercises designed to increase balance, strength and flexibility. We meet on Thursdays, October 6, 13 and 20 from 9:00 a.m - 10:00 a.m. in Room 201. Classes are free, donations to the church accepted. Please bring a blanket and a yoga mat.

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

Sponsored by Advocate Health Care Parish Nurse Program

Break Bread Together

The Fellowship Board's "Break Bread Together" dinner program is back!

What is it? An opportunity to build and nourish new relationships with fellow GCC members by breaking bread together (enjoying dinner), either at a member's home or at a restaurant.

Who can join? All adults (singles or couples) are welcome to sign up. You will be placed in groups of 7-8 with the goal of gathering people together who do not know each other, so that new GCC friendships can be fostered. The intent is that the groups will stay together and meet three more times over the coming year. We are hoping to have the groups meet for the first time in late October or November, probably on a Saturday night. If you already joined a group last spring, you should be hearing shortly from someone in your group about getting together again this fall.

What should I do if I am interested?

Watch for an e-mail blast, Bulletin notice, and information in the church office soon for how to sign up. You can also sign up at coffee hour on October 9th and 16th.

Other questions? Contact C.J. Sultz at *cj.sultz@us.mcd.com* or (847)657-7079.

Middle Schoolers

Attention all middle school students, you are invited to participate in GCC's middle school youth service club. This year we will meet October through March on the second Sunday of each month. We will gather, complete a service project and then have time for games and other activities. It is a good way to get a service project completed for Confirmation and school while enjoying church friends at the same time. There is also a correlation between attendance in 678 Club and the High School Youth group PYF. 678 Club is run by Elizabeth Ciccolini, the Youth Director and High School students.

OCTOBER 9TH:

First 678 Club from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. We will be assembling hygiene kits for the Night Ministry, please bring toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, small lotions, wet ones, or wash clothes. Hope to see you there!

Confirmation Class

We continue to meet for opening prayers each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth Room, followed by individual classes. Confirmands may choose to do their 8 worship reflections at any of the worship services offered at GCC (8 a.m., 10 a.m. or 4 p.m. on Second Sunday.) Extra worksheets are available on the bulletin board near the Youth Room.

PYF OCTOBER

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

October 9:

We will be assembling Hygiene kits for the Night Ministry. We need small soaps, shampoos, conditioners, lotions, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, wipes, wash clothes, etc. This will also be the first 678 Club day. We will need at least two youth helpers.

October 16:

PYF Cooks (RSVP for Fall Retreat / Deposit Due)

October 23:

We will go to Great America. We will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. and return at 6pm. Cost will be \$30. RSVP so very helpful!

October 30:

Halloween Video Scavenger Hunt. Extra points if you come in a costume!

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AFFILIATES:

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

Return Service Requested

At A Glance

THUR		
10/6	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open til 5:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
	9:00 AM	Yoga Class, Rm 201
	7:00 PM	HOP Operating Committee, Parlor
	7:00 PM	BSA 150 Patrol Leaders Council, Founders Rm
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
FRI		
10/7	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open til 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting, Rm 201
SAT		
10/8	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open til 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
	9:00 AM	FLU Shots, West Entrance, Chapel, Sanctuary
SUN		
10/9	8:00 AM	Worship Service, Sanctuary
	8:50 AM	Adult Education, Chapel
	9:00 AM	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Youth Rm
	9:15 AM	Confirmation Classes, Various Rms
	9:15 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201
	10:00 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Sunday School Classes, Various Rms
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Board Mtg., Rm 213
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
	11:15 AM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm

	2:00 PM	678 Club, Youth Rm
	4:00 PM	Second Sunday Worship, Sanctuary
	4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm
	4:00 PM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal, Rm 201
MON		
10/10	7:00 PM	Walking Marys Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Committee Mtg., Founders Rm
	7:30 PM	Mission Outreach Board, Parlor
	8:00 PM	Tableau Angels Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	9:00 PM	Dancing Marys Rehearsal, Sanctuary
TUES		
10/11	6:30 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal, Choir Rm & Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Adult Education Board, Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	Pastoral Care Board, Parlor
	7:00 PM	Services & Sacraments Board, Rm 201
	7:00 PM	Properties Board, Library
	7:00 PM	Stewardship Board, Rm 210
WED		
10/12	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open til 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
	6:30 PM	BSA Troop 156 Meeting, Gym
	7:00 PM	Music Board, Rm 201
	8:00 PM	BSA Venture Crew, Parlor & Gym
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