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## COVID AND THE MAGI

No one knows how long the Magi followed the Bethlehem star. At a minimum, 4 months. A legitimate argument can be made for 2 years. Some Newer Testament scholars say longer. Whatever the case, they persevered as one season stretched into another...and another...and another. They kept traveling along, making their way step-by-step, over mountains, along streams, across valleys, through wilderness and desert, weathering every element, determined to get there someday.

No one knows how long this COVID pandemic is going to last. Days now have turned into weeks...into months...into years. The virus mutates. Variants infect, make ill, and strike down. Surges come in hospital-filling waves. So, we wear our masks, fully vaccinate and booster, maintain social distancing, and do our best to protect our children and ourselves from the willfully ignorant endangering us all. We, too, persevere, determined to get through this, come what come may.

No doubt, the Magi had their share of difficulties to manage, obstacles to overcome, detours to take -- even as we have had to make our share of adjustments to the congregation's life -- and just when the Magi thought their long journey was at its end, they discovered they still had a ways to go. With the onset of Omicron, the church is adjusting once more. So everyone knows, here are some of the protocols currently in place:

- Continued wearing of masks
- Every other pew roped off to establish social distancing in worship
- Children's moments continuing but without the children grouping on the sanctuary steps
- Another sabbatical for the choir

- Prepackaged communion elements and fellowship time snacks
- Baby and toddler room closed until February 13
- In-person church school classes replaced by "TO GO BOXs" of home lessons and activities
- Enhanced safety precautions for the confirmands
- January 24th discussion with parents/teens regarding PYF, Mission Trip prep, and Puppets
- FISH paused until Feb 2
- UMBRELLA FELLOWSHIP paused until February 9
- Strong encouragement to use ZOOM technology for group meetings for the foreseeable future
- Strict COVID safety precautions for the nursery school

When the Magi arrived, they were "full of joy," even as we will be when the pandemic eventually ends.

Matthew also tells us that the Magi did not forget to leave their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Let us also not forget to leave our gifts -- our financial pledges and gifts in support of the ministry and mission of the Glenview Community Church. Despite the uncertainties of this part of our journey through COVID-land, together we have and we will continue together to serve God by serving others, in Christ's precious name.

Peace and joy!

*Kent*

**IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL  
WORSHIP 10:00 AM  
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022  
REV. DR. KENT ULERY**

### January 16

#### SCRIPTURE

John 2:1-11

#### SERMON

*Nudging God*

### January 23

#### SCRIPTURE

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6, 8-10

#### SERMON

*At the Water Gate*

### January 30

#### SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13

#### SERMON

*Gospel Grown-ups*

### February 06

#### SCOUT SUNDAY

#### SCRIPTURE

Luke 5:1-11

#### SERMON

*Fishing Stories*

### February 13

#### SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:17-26

#### SERMON

*Ouch!*

# MIDWINTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Glenview Community Church Midwinter Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 27, 2022, at 11:15 a.m. in the church sanctuary.

The agenda is as follows:

- Approval of the Minutes of the May 22, 2021 Annual Meeting
- Approval of the Minutes of the June 27, 2021 Special Congregational Meeting
- Receipt of the Clerk's Report
- Receipt of the Treasurer's Report
- Adoption of the GCC 2022 Budget
- An update from the Senior Pastor Search Committee
- An update from W.I.S.E. Committee

This notice constitutes the official call to meeting. In accordance with the congregation's constitution, no other business shall be transacted. 50 members need to be present to establish a quorum. Please plan to attend.

## PROMISE OF RESURRECTION

We trust in the promise of the Resurrection for John P. Monckton who was born June 17, 1966, and passed away January 5, 2022. We pray for his wife Karen, and their children Olivia and Luke, as they mourn the loss of a loving husband and father. The Funeral and Interment Services were private.

## NOTICE: BUILDING HOURS

The church building will be open weekdays during office hours, 8:30 - 4:30. Otherwise the doors will be locked except for scheduled meetings, groups, and events, when they will be unlocked 30 minutes prior to, and locked thirty minutes after, each meeting, group, or event's starting time. The church only is available for after hour bookings on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. If you need space in the building at any time, please contact Susan in the office several days prior so that arrangements can be made. This practice is being put into place for security purposes and for best utilization of our small facility staff. Thanks for understanding.

# SPIRITUAL COUNCIL MEETING – 12-14-21 REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

Your Spiritual Council did not take any time off or even slow down over the Christmas Holidays. Your Treasurer has been hard at work on the 2022 budget, the Generosity Committee is making every effort to stimulate pledges (please send your pledge in today if you have not already done that), and the Church Clerk has started work on the February 27 Mid-Winter Congregational Meeting. Committees and Ministry Groups are also at work doing what they do best: working their hardest on wonderful and exciting events and plans for you, including trying to make our live-streaming even better and putting together a comprehensive Church Calendar.

**The Glenview Community Church Nursery School** needs to replace the deteriorating and unsafe fence surrounding the playground, and your **GCCNS** has a plan to pay for the new fencing that will be not only safe but long-lasting and esthetically pleasing, too! Our new Interim Pastor Kent Ulery has settled in nicely and is getting onboard quickly. He is amazing!

If you would like to see this dynamic Spiritual Council group in action, please stop by the next Spiritual Council meeting, at 7:00 p.m. in the Founders Room on Tuesday, January 25. And don't forget the upcoming Mid-Winter Congregational Meeting on February 27 right after worship service.

See you in church,  
JoAnne Peters, Church Clerk

## GIVING GLIMPSE DECEMBER 2021

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 and ensure the fiscal health of the church. 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.

	2021 ACTUAL	2020 ACTUAL	OVER / (UNDER) 2021 BUDGET
<b>Pledge Fulfillment</b>	\$771,212	\$808,177	\$ 16,212
<b>Other Income</b>	\$497,541	\$218,766	\$123,865
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$1,268,753	\$1,026,943	\$140,077
<b>Expenses</b>	\$1,197,585	\$1,172,819	\$14,306
<b>Net Total</b>	\$ 71,168	(\$145,876)	\$125,771

### SUMMARY:

For the year, revenue exceeded expenses by \$71,168. The favorable performance relative to budget (and to 2020) reflects the Payroll Protection loan forgiveness of \$120K and investment income that exceeded budget by \$95,837. The 2021 budget was approved by the congregation at the Mid-Winter meeting and was defined by a projected operating deficit of \$54,604. The 2021 surplus will be put in our reserves for future needs.



## RESTORE JUSTICE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26 AT 7 PM VIA ZOOM

Please join us for a presentation from **Restore Justice**, a non-profit that advocates for fairness, humanity, and compassion throughout the Illinois criminal legal system, with a primary focus on those affected by extreme sentences imposed on our youth. **Restore Justice** supports replacing past punitive policies with compassionate, smart, and safe policies for the future. Their vision is that everyone deserves support for rehabilitation and the opportunity for healing and justice. Our guest speaker is Rev. Lindsey Hammond, current Policy Director of **Restore Justice** and a longtime advocate of restoring rights and opportunities for people with criminal records. Lindsey is also a United Church of Christ minister. Click on the Zoom link to register for this event.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qc-CgpzwIHdDnlH946VF8-vm1ZbQqBlrp>

## SECURE JOBS ACT? WHAT IS IT? SHOULD YOU CARE?

### FIND OUT AT FEBRUARY 16 SPEAKERS FORUM

Wednesday evening February 16, at 7:00 p.m. mission partner **Arise Chicago** and GCC's Faith in Action Team will host an on-line panel discussion of this controversial bill, introduced in the Illinois Legislature a year ago.

Recognizing that most employers do their best to treat employees fairly, Illinois' current at-will employment paradigm grants other corrupt employers free reign to terminate workers at any time, justified by any or no reason. This makes it difficult for some people to access reliable employment; enables a culture of fear that prevents workers from improving their workplaces; and undermines our public health & employment standards.

The panel will address the provisions of HB3530, also known as the Secure Jobs Act, and the need for employee protections. Panelist MJ Carlson, GCC member and owner of Carlson Heating, Cooling & Electric, will provide a small business point of view. Register to tune in to this informative discussion at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpdOuhrsqG9Y46wmLnW4ZpMYeFiDU1JYv> For questions or comments, please contact Nancy Mullarkey at [Mullarkeyn@hotmail.com](mailto:Mullarkeyn@hotmail.com).



## MANY THANKS TO ALL

Monday was a GREAT day for Linda Crowder and myself because we delivered a huge, stuffed SUV full of wonderful winter items to **The Night Ministry**. Earlier this month Elizabeth Martin delivered other gifts from the Mission Tree to **Connections for the Homeless** and **Hilda's Place** in Evanston. There were lots of warm socks, winter coats, hand knit scarves and shawls, 20 drawstring care packages from PYF, other care packages in cute bags. Also delivered were 953 **Dunkin Donuts** \$5.00 gift cards for a total monetary gift of \$4,765!!! Many, many thanks for your generosity and caring for those less fortunate than we are. **The Night Ministry** was very pleased to get our very needed and thoughtful gifts.

*Dori Hirsch and Mission Outreach Committee.*

## SOUPEL BOWL OF CARING

This January Outreach and Faith Formation Ministries are sponsoring a Souper Bowl of Caring event to benefit **Connections for the Homeless**. Souper Bowl of Caring is youth across the nation working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. We will do a food collection with bins around the church on three Sundays: January 30, February 6, and February 13 - Super Bowl Sunday. We welcome donations of canned and shelf-stable foods like ravioli, beef stew, soup in a cup, canned fruit, individually packaged snacks, and protein bars. Encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to pitch in for this food drive. On Super Bowl Sunday the children will be doing a service project making a dry soup mix for donation. Right after service, the 7th and 8th grade Confirmation students will be having a bake sale in the Commons, proceeds going to **Connections for the Homeless**. Help us extend God's love at a time of year when it is very much needed.

## MEMORIAL GARDEN CHRISTMAS TREE

The Memorial Garden Christmas tree has now been removed from the Memorial Garden. All of the Christmas ornaments which adorned the tree are now in a box next to the Memorial Garden door. You may pick up your ornament. The box will be available until the end of the month.

# CHILDREN AND TEEN FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

The PYF Fall Retreat was a great time full of fun, laughter, games, coloring, and faith. PYF and the adult leaders watched the movie "Breakfast Club" and talked about self-care, friendships, and community. Here are some of the teen's thoughts about friendship. Friends respect boundaries, trust, and listen to each other. Friends also have fun and are kind to each other.

Wednesdays in December continued to be a time filled with teens and preteens enjoying an open gym, youth room, art room, and puppets. 712 Club on Wednesday has a new name, Umbrella Fellowship. Umbrella Fellowship is an inclusive name for all the different groups that meet on Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation classes went shopping for can goods for **Connections for the Homeless**. The 7th and 8th grade Confirmation classes collected hundreds of can goods as part of this year's service learning project.

We have to shift our regular Faith Formation for all ages during this recent COVID surge.

Peace,  
Pastor Elizabeth

## CHILDREN AND TEEN FAITH FORMATION RESPONSE TO CURRENT COVID SURGE

**Sunday Church School:** There will continue to be a children's message during Sunday worship. We encourage you to join us for worship or watch it with your child(ren) and talk about it! Children in attendance will remain in their seats for children's message.

**Birth to age 3:** The baby and toddler room will be closed until February 13.

**Church School age 3 -6th grade:** We will not have in-person church school. You can sign up for a Church School "To Go Box." Each box will include three lessons and family activities. Each box will consist of an activity about inclusion, self-care, and a communion lesson for Feb 6th. Zoom church school will also be available on Jan 30th, and Feb 6 at 11 am. Please follow this link to receive a "To Go Box" or sign up for Zoom church school [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejl8rHzHen2Mrop2ybHyclnNHIEj88fb16SBlo0HelBcTP6g/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejl8rHzHen2Mrop2ybHyclnNHIEj88fb16SBlo0HelBcTP6g/viewform?usp=sf_link).

### Confirmation (7th and 8th graders)

Confirmation classes will begin meeting on January 23rd. Pastor Elizabeth will work with the parents to put the best COVID safe practices in place. Please email Pastor Elizabeth at [elizabeth.hartung@gccucc.org](mailto:elizabeth.hartung@gccucc.org) with questions.

### PYF, Mission Trip prep, and Puppets

Pastor Elizabeth will contact parents and teens Monday, January 24th, to determine the best COVID safe practices. In addition, there is a potential for small groups to meet in person with modifications in place.

### Wednesday Faith and Fellowship

**FISH** is paused until February 2nd.

**Umbrella Fellowship** is paused until February 9th due to the nature of this program.



## GCC CALENDAR

### Wednesday, 19 January 2022

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	New To You Open
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music & Movement/Children's Class
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music & Movement/Children's Class
6:15 PM to 7:00 PM	Tres Bell(e)s Rehearsal
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Pilgrim Wind Trio Rehearsal
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Senior Pastor Search Committee Meeting

### Thursday, 20 January 2022

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	New To You Open
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga
6:15 PM to 7:15 PM	Bell Rehearsal
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Troop 156 Meeting

### Friday, 21 January 2022

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	New To You Open
6:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Women's Retreat

### Saturday, 22 January 2022

8:00 AM to 8:30 PM	Women's Retreat
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	New To You Open

### Sunday, 23 January 2022

8:00 AM to 8:30 PM	Women's Retreat
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship Service
11:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Fellowship Time
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM	Spiritual Health Center Board Meeting
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Confirmation Class

### Tuesday, 25 January 2022

9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music & Movement/Children's Class
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Chapter 8 Meeting
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Spiritual Council Meeting

### Wednesday, 26 January 2022

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	New To You Open
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music & Movement/Children's Class
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music & Movement/Children's Class
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Senior Pastor Search Committee/OFF SITE
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Speaker Forum, Rev. Lindsey Hammond - Zoom Only

### Thursday, 27 January 2022

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	New To You Open
6:15 PM to 7:15 PM	Bell Rehearsal
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Troop 156 Court of Honor

### Friday, 28 January 2022

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	New To You Open
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### Sunday, 30 January 2022

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship Service
11:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Fellowship Time
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Confirmation Class

### Tuesday, 01 February 2022

9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music & Movement/Children's Class
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### Wednesday, 02 February 2022

9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music & Movement/Children's Class
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music & Movement/Children's Class
5:30 PM to 7:00 PM	Umbrella Fellowship
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Senior Pastor Search Committee Meeting

# CHILI COOK-OFF



Do you make good Chili? Are you interested in competing against fellow congregants? Have you never made Chili, but you're up to the task? This is something for all of you! We're bringing back the wildly popular, extremely fun event, The **Chili Cook-off!!!**

It will be held on Sunday, April 24 at 5 p.m. here at GCC in the Community Room downstairs. Walk around, enjoy fellowship, taste Chili and vote for your favorites! Vote as many times as you like. Tickets for voting cost \$3 per single ticket, \$10 for 5 tickets and \$20 for 10 tickets. Drinks, salad, pasta and dessert will also be provided.

Chili Contestants contact Justin Bill at [billjust@gmail.com](mailto:billjust@gmail.com) to reserve your spot in the contest.

Volunteers are needed for: selling tickets, bringing food, room setup and cleanup. Please contact Kerri Noard at [Kerrinoard@gmail.com](mailto:Kerrinoard@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out.

Sponsored by the Congregational Life Ministry and the Pilgrim Youth Fellowship. Proceeds will benefit the PYF Mission Trip.



## A JUST HARVEST: DELIVERY DRIVERS NEEDED!

While we are still unable to have groups of people go down to **A Just Harvest** to help prepare and serve the meals, we still provide all the ingredients for providing these meals to those in need. We are seeking drivers who would be willing to help deliver the food to **A Just Harvest** for the mid-month meal. Specifically, we are asking for volunteers who can pick up food items from Gordon Food Service in Niles (by Golf Mill Mall), buy appropriate fruit (individual servings for 80-100 people) and deliver to **A Just Harvest** in Rogers Park. The order at Gordon Food service is pre-made and can be charged to GCC card and the cost of fruit can be reimbursed by the church from our **AJH** fund. The items need to be picked and delivered on the third Tuesday of the month to allow for preparation to be served on Wednesday. The first opportunity to deliver is this coming Tuesday January 18. The sign up sheet can be located below or you can reach out to Linda Crowder at [lcrowder@comcast.net](mailto:lcrowder@comcast.net) or 847-922-6827 to sign up or get additional information.

**FIND YOUR** **GLENVIEW**  
**COMMUNITY**  
**CHURCH**

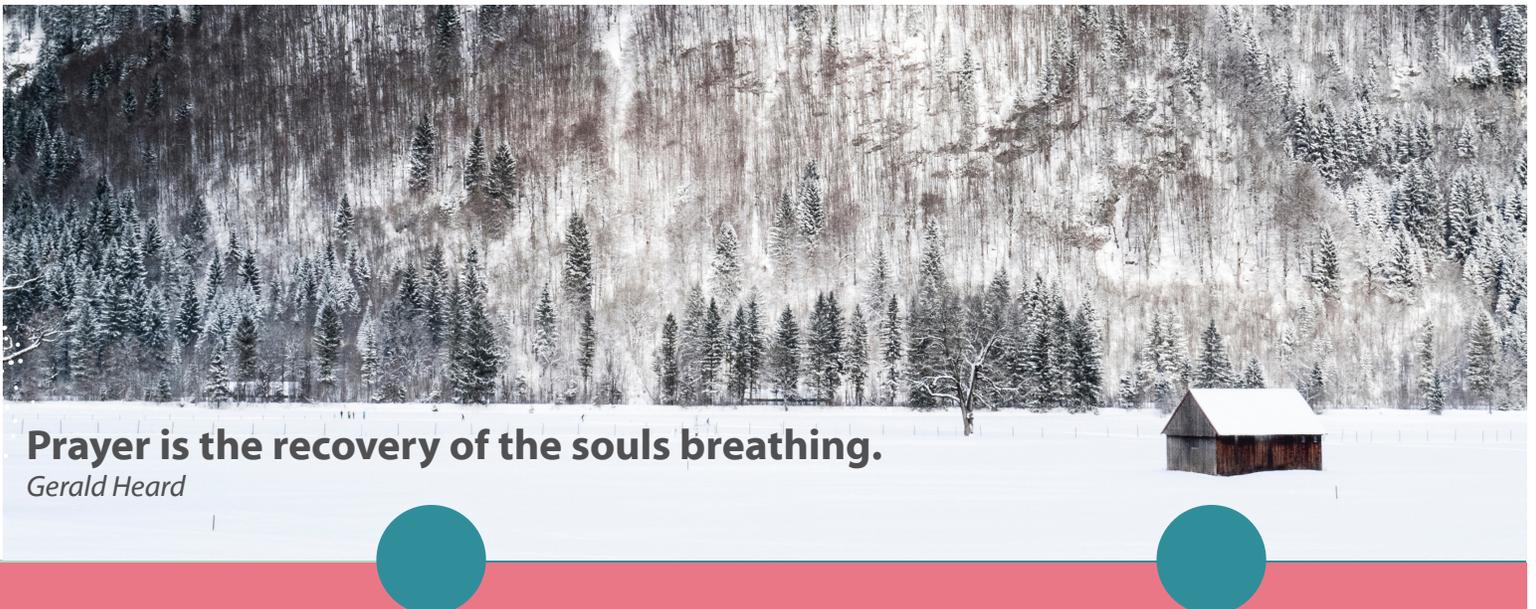
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Rev. Dr. Howard W. Roberts, *Pastor Emeritus*



**Prayer is the recovery of the souls breathing.**

*Gerald Heard*

