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BUILDING EACH OTHER UP

The youth and I were able to participate in a traditional mission trip this summer. Four other churches were serving with us in Kansas City, MO. Each one was grateful for taking a trip to serve the greater community as COVID numbers stayed low. Our week of service was filled with our community building each other up as churches, individuals, and in the greater Kansas City, MO area.

These verses from Hebrews describe this week of service and sharing God's love:

"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Our young people worked hard alongside their counterparts from Texas, Peoria, and two churches from Minnesota, encouraging one another as they shared God's love by serving together. They volunteered for several agencies that supported youth and the hungry of Kansas City. Food insecurity is a central problem in Kansas City, and our young people worked in kitchens, farms,

and gardens. Many of them weeded on 100-degree days. Here are some of the places they worked:

Nourish

<https://nourishkc.org/>,

Agape Community Community Farm

<https://agapecommunityfarm.com/>,

Metro Lutheran Ministries

<https://www.mlmc.org/programs.html>,

and Police Athletic League

<https://www.kcpal.org/>.

"Elizabeth, is that your group always holding hands when they pray?" The answer is yes. Prayer is a central way we provoke one another to love and meet together. We ended our church group time each night with prayers from the day and hopes for the next day. Then on Thursday night, each person in the group spoke of their hopes and thankfulness for their friends and adult leaders.

My heart is full from seeing the Holy Spirit move so many to action, grow, serve and share God's love.

Peace,
Elizabeth

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL
WORSHIP 10:00 AM
JULY 2022

July 3

Scripture

Galatians 6:1-16

SERMON

Paradox's Box

Rev. Elizabeth Hartung

July 10

Scripture

Psalm 25, 1-10, Deuteronomy 30:9-14,
Luke 10:25-37

SERMON

Not Too Hard

Rev. Dr. Stephanie Perdeu

July 17

HANDS OF PEACE SUNDAY

Scripture

Luke 11:1-13

SERMON

Can We Talk?

Rev. Dr. Kent Ulery

July 24

Scripture

Luke 10:38-42

SERMON

She Yelled at Jesus!

Rev. Dr. Kent Ulery

July 31

Scripture

Luke 12:13-21

SERMON

Money Matters

Rev. Dr. Kent Ulery



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALL

The Spiritual Council of the Glenview Community Church has called a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, August 28, 2022, at 11:15 a.m., in the Sanctuary, immediately following worship service. The purpose of this meeting is for The Senior Pastor Search Committee to present its candidate, the Rev. Dr. James Michael Matarazzo, Jr., and for the congregation to vote on calling him as our next settled Senior Pastor. Please try to attend this Special Congregational Meeting,

Jo Anne Peters, Church Clerk

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

We hate to admit it, but we need help! The Fellowship Hour Team just cannot do it alone, nor should we want to. We need volunteers to serve, bake or buy: cookies, brownies, cake, coffee cake, etc., maybe even some cut up fruit or cheese and crackers, or possibly even donuts or donut holes. Please sign up for yourself or your family. You only need to come about 10 minutes before service for instructions and/or dropping off refreshments. You do NOT need to make or serve coffee, nor do you need to stay and clean up. If you are interested, please call JoAnne Peters at (847) 772-2304 (leave a message if there is no answer), or email JoAnne at jo.gramma.peters@gmail.com, or sign up in the book after service on Sunday in the Commons.

Thank you from your Fellowship Team:
Ann, Dina, Holly, JoAnne, Marion and Sally.

SPIRITUAL LIFE TEAM PROGRAM AT GCC 2022

Did you know the Spiritual Life Team Program at GCC started in 2014? Did you know there are sixteen Spiritual Life Teams at GCC? Did you know that 126 people from our church have already participated in those teams? And, did you know we are ready to start some new Spiritual Life Teams at GCC this fall?

Just to remind you about the Spiritual Life Team Program: our teams meet for one hour, once a month. There are no homework assignments, no phone calls and no bake sales. You are going to discover the most important lesson in your life.

God is real, God is present in everyone's life, your spirit is just waiting to be awakened. All you have to do is to open your spiritual eyes and discover God in your life.

Contact Dr. Bobbie McKay for more information: 847.291.3591 or bobbiemckayphd@gmail.com.

KENT'S KORNER...

People are noticing that the words read as scripture on Sunday morning do not match exactly what is written in the pew Bibles... or any other translation they know. "What version are the lectors using?"

Good ears! Good question!

Our pew bible is the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), published by the National Council of Churches in 1989. The New Revised Standard Version replaced the old Revised Standard Version of my childhood, first published in 1952. The English language had evolved over the intervening 37 years; a few errors had been discovered in translation; older textual manuscripts had become available to biblical scholars – for example, the Dead Sea Scrolls; and our culture was becoming attentive to inclusive language, raising questions regarding whether the ancient Hebrew and Greek texts were as masculine in orientation as earlier translations suggested. Leading the NRSV's translation team was Bruce Metzger, my advisor in seminary, a humble Christian scholar respected globally for his encyclopedic knowledge of ancient biblical texts. The NRSV quickly became the most popular version within mainline churches. When I am studying the bible, I use the NRSV – in particular, the New Oxford Annotated Bible which takes the New Revised Standard Version and adds introductions and footnotes worthy of trust.

In recent weeks, I have asked the lectors to read from the Common English Bible © 2011. While the NRSV focuses on precise word-to-word translation, the CEB is equally concerned with sense-to-sense accessibility. That is, the Common English Bible, without loss of accuracy in translation, values ease in reading, ease in listening, ease in understanding as well. 120 biblical scholars from 24 denominations undertook the project of making this fresh translation for both the mind and the heart. The Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Methodist, and United Church of Christ publishing houses printed the result. I turn to the Common English Bible for my personal devotions.

So, it is NRSV for study and sermons. CEB for devotions and public reading.

Peace and joy! *Kent*

DEAR MEMBERS OF GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH,

As members of the Senior Pastor Search Committee, we express our gratitude for the trust you have placed in us. We have concluded our prayerful process of reviewing profiles and interviewing candidates, reaching an enthusiastic and unanimous decision about the final candidate we are recommending. We are looking forward to introducing our final candidate for the position of Senior Pastor at worship on Sunday, August 28. Our candidate will be introduced at the service and will preach the sermon that morning. After the service, we will hold a Special Congregational Meeting where

details about the candidate will be shared, and members will vote to approve the call.

We are grateful to our UCC Chicago Metropolitan Association minister, Rev. Dr. Stephanie Perdew who worked closely with us in the search and call process. To review the steps that led us to this point of confidence in recommending the Call of this candidate:

- 1 The Search Committee sought your input on our Church's ministry with a written survey and a series of small group meetings with members and staff. This input was incorporated into our Local Church Profile which the candidates read.
- 2 Our vacancy was listed in the UCC Ministry Opportunities where pastors seeking new positions saw it. We also sent a letter about our search to many churches across the country, directing interested candidates to the conference application process.
- 3 Persons authorized to complete a UCC Ministerial Profile submitted their profiles through the Illinois Conference office to our committee. These profiles had information about the candidate's sense of calling, formation for ministry, faith and leadership experience, references, an ethical self-disclosure form and a background check.
- 4 We received profiles, reading them with our own church profile and culture in mind. We conducted initial and follow up Zoom interviews and candidates' final interviews were conducted in-person. We called references and some of us visited worship services at our final candidate's churches.
- 5 After prayerful discussion and contemplation, we unanimously agreed who would be the best candidate to present to the congregation. We hosted this candidate for a weekend in Glenview so that they and their family could get to know our community and see our church. Terms of call were approved by the Executive Committee with congenial agreement from the candidate.

6 Confidentiality has been essential to the entire process, so we kept you in necessary suspense. It was important to honor our committee's discernment and to respect our candidate's current ministry obligations. Now we ask that you keep our candidate's name and current church in confidence until such time as the congregational vote is affirmative and we have the candidate's consent to publish the news of their call to ministry with us.

7 Our candidate for the Senior Pastor of Glenview Community Church is Rev. Dr. James (Jim) M. Matarazzo Jr. His letter of self-introduction is attached.

We have been grateful during the search process for the excellent interim leadership of Rev. Dr. Kent Ulery.

We are blessed with a wonderful church community. With hard work and God's guidance, we will be blessed with a wonderful Senior Pastor to guide us in our mission and ministries going forward.

In Christ's name,

The Senior Pastor Search Committee

*Debby Fosdick-Chair
Karen Aldrich, Susan Johns,
Maren Miller, Doug Morgan,
Linda Pedian, Brad Smith,
Jason Stutz, CJ Sultz*

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Some information about me: I was born in Boston and grew up in Winthrop, Massachusetts where I attended public schools. I was an undergrad at Bates College (1986-1990) in Lewiston, Maine and then studied theology at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland and the University of Cape Town, South Africa. I completed my Master of Divinity degree at Union Theological Seminary in New York in 1996. I delayed ordination and worked in public health research on the HIV pandemic at Tufts and Brown universities. I was ordained in 2005 in the United Church of Christ and served the First Congregational Church of Winchester, Mass., while continuing my research work. In 2007, I moved overseas to work in the church-affiliated international development field with Christian Aid in London. I remained in the UK for almost 12 years. During that time, I completed my DPhil (here known as a PhD) in Theology in 2017 at the University of Oxford. I also served as a chaplain to Hertford College - the Oxford college attended by English author Evelyn Waugh (1903-1966) who wrote *Brideshead Revisited*. I then taught theology at Ripon College Cuddesdon, the Church of England's seminary in Oxford. I returned to the United States in late 2018 to be with my aging parents, both of whom have now passed on to glory. In 2018-2019, I served as a bridge minister at the First Congregational Church of Guilford, Connecticut, while also working on a project to combat gender-based violence with religious and traditional leaders in Zambia with GIZ, the German overseas development agency. Since 2003, I have worked at various times as a consultant for Norwegian Church Aid, the World Council of Churches, the Lutheran World Federation, various United Nations agencies and other international organizations. I am now ending my three-year ministry as Interim Senior Minister of the

You are accepted, accepted by that which is greater than you, and the Name of which you do not know. Do not ask for the Name now; perhaps you will find it later. Do not try to do anything now; perhaps later you will do much... Simply accept the fact that you are accepted! If that happens to us, we experience grace. After such an experience we may not be better than before, and we may not believe more than before. But everything is transformed.

- Paul Tillich (1886-1965)

First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury, Mass., which began in Summer 2019. During this time, I was also an adjunct professor in the Theology Department of Boston College.

In September 2021, I married my husband, Tom. Tom is from São Paulo, Brazil and moved to the States in 2014. In a very real way, accepting the call to GCC and moving with Tom to Chicago's North Shore represents a settling down as a family unit after living a very international life that took me by way of work, study, or adventure to 94 countries and territories.



REV. DR. JAMES M. MATARAZZO, JR.

Over the past two decades, I have accumulated a wide range of work, ministry, and academic experiences in a global multifaith and ecumenical context. I now seek a church where I can share these experiences and connections to enrich a twenty-first century expression of inclusive Christian faith and witness. I believe that place is Glenview Community Church. I am excited about this possibility. It is my prayer that I will soon be with you and that together we will continue to create a community that embodies Christ's gospel and where people experience God's transformative grace.

Should you vote to accept the Senior Pastor Search Committee's recommendation, we will be together in challenging times. We are still emerging from the coronavirus pandemic, the likes of which the world has not seen since 1918. Our country is sharply divided, perhaps more so than at any time since the Civil War. Inflation is at a 40-year high. Incivility and violent crime are rising. Lethal gun violence plagues both our nation and our neighboring city of Chicago. And our planet is wracked by geopolitical conflict of which Russia's invasion of Ukraine is the most glaring example. Within this messy and often dangerous world, we must chart out what it means to be faithful witnesses to the radical welcome and infinite love of Jesus Christ. I do not have any ready-made answers, but I am happy to be with you on this journey.

For now, until we soon meet, may "mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance." (Jude 1:2)

See you in church, Jim
Rev. Dr. James M. Matarazzo, Jr.

GCC CALENDAR

Friday, 01 July 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 1:30

Sunday, 03 July 2022

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM GCC Worship Service

Monday, 04 July 2022

8:00 AM to 8:30 PM GCC Closed - Happy 4th of July!

Tuesday, 05 July 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 1:30

Wednesday, 06 July 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 1:30

Thursday, 07 July 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 1:30

Friday, 08 July 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 1:30

Sunday, 10 July 2022

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM GCC Worship Service

Monday, 11 July 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 1:30

Tuesday, 12 July 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 1:30

Wednesday, 13 July 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 1:30

Thursday, 14 July 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 1:30

Friday, 15 July 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 1:30

Sunday, 17 July 2022

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM GCC Worship Service - Hands of Peace

Monday, 18 July 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 1:30

Tuesday, 19 July 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 1:30

Wednesday, 20 July 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 1:30

Thursday, 21 July 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 1:30

Friday, 22 July 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 1:30

Sunday, 24 July 2022

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM GCC Worship Service

Sunday, 31 July 2022

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM GCC Worship Service

CHURCH SCHOOL IN THE SUMMER

The Rainbow Community Garden is planted! Church school children will begin worship with their families and then be dismissed after children's time to tend to the garden. The children will first have a creation-themed lesson, then work in the garden and finish on the playground.



We remain in prayer for the people of Ukraine, calling for an immediate cessation of violence. As the human toll continues to mount, the United Church of Christ has issued an urgent appeal for funds to help with refugee resettlement as well as aid for those unable to leave the country. We will be working with partners in the area, particularly the Reformed Church of Hungary.

Feel free to donate online (gccucc.org), write a check to Glenview Community Church marked "Ukrainian Relief," or place money in the marked baskets near the sanctuary doors. Please be generous. People are on the roads seeking sanctuary from the war.

GIVING BACK + HAVING FUN = MORE TIME FOR YOU

Imagine giving your energy and talents to GCC without a huge time commitment. Then picture getting to know people while planning fun events and at the same time getting back some much-needed time for you. It's possible with **The Social Micro-Committee!**

We only meet every other month, yet we make a maximum impact on the lives of our Congregation. We all want to feel that we're doing our part and helping the church and here's a great way to do it! Join the **Social Micro-Committee** today! Call or Text "I'm in!" to 847-814-1565, email lauraomera@gmail.com, or look for our Signup Genius in the next GCC Eblast.

The Congregational Life Ministry thanks you.

EARLY CHILDHOOD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Glenview Community Church and Glenview Community Church Nursery School are co-sponsoring a summer church school week. The children will learn about God's creation and how to take care of it. This will take place August 1-4 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. The cost is \$25 per child. Each day the children will have outdoor play, inside learning activities, and a snack. Pick up and drop off will be on the playground. This is for children 3 - 6 years old.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSePGL8bwlvtXaEIHuwnQqD98dl6y4HmXAYFGw_AYb_NhZ5vA/viewform?usp=sf_link

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Rev. Dr. Howard W. Roberts, *Pastor Emeritus*
Rev. Robert C. Warskow, *Pastor Emeritus*

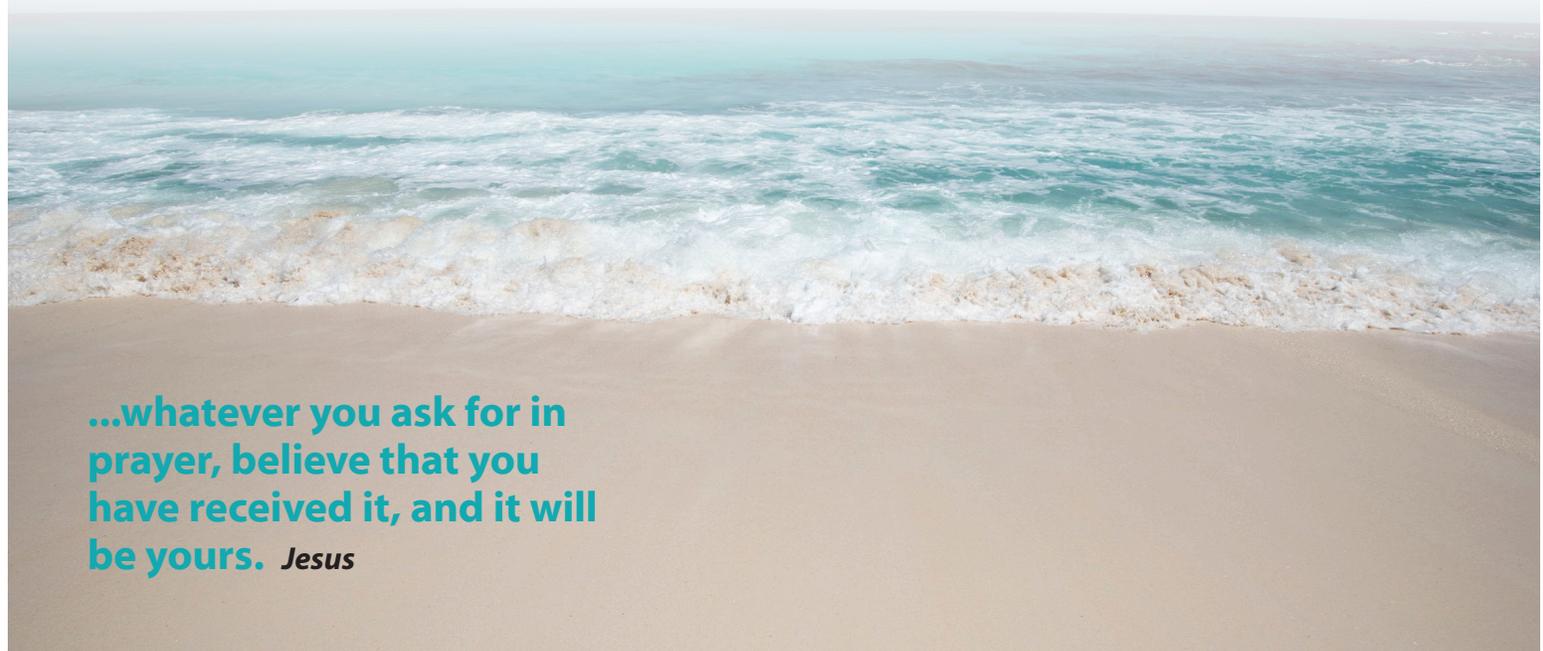
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prayer, believe that you
have received it, and it will
be yours. *Jesus***