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## KENT'S KORNER

Apollo followed Paul as the pastoral leader of the Corinthian church. Here is what he wrote to that congregation regarding the succession from one pastor to another:

*What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth... The one who planted and the one who waters have a common purpose... We are God's servants, working together...*

Ordained ministry is itinerant. Pastors come into a church's life only for a season and then move on so that a colleague in ministry -- another servant of God -- can lead the next stage of a church's journey.

Now is the time when God is rearranging ordained leadership -- the moment for which we all have been working and praying. The Holy Spirit is moving God's servant clergy around, not only for the good of Glenview Community Church UCC, but also for the good of Yorkville Congregational UCC and First Congregational Church UCC in Shrewsbury, as well as for Pastor Elizabeth's, Rev. Jim's, and my good.

As the mantles of ordained leadership shift -- Elijah's cloak placed next on Elisha's shoulders -- occasions for offering God thanks and praise are created.

**On August 21**, Pastor Elizabeth will give her final sermon at GCC, followed by a reception honoring her ministry with us. She remains on staff until she begins as

the Senior Pastor in Yorkville on October 10. However, her last day with us will be September 11, since she ends her ministry here with two weeks of vacation and two weeks of continuing education time coming.

Elizabeth's focus now is getting the Christian Education and Youth Ministry programs ready for Fall. I am working on securing short term leadership in these two program areas. Determination of the preferred long term staffing option is best left until the next Senior Pastor's arrival.

**On August 28**, Rev. Jim will be in our pulpit, at the recommendation of our Senior Pastor Search Committee. That diverse committee, representative of the entire congregation, has been diligent and prayerful, and are unanimous in their nomination. Following the service, the congregation will vote on extending him a call.

Trusting that vote will be positive, Rev. Jim's first day as Senior Pastor will be September 6. Formal installation will take place later, after the transfer of ordained minister standing from the Boston Metropolitan Association to the Chicago Metropolitan Association, as is customary and usual.

**September 4** will be my last day preaching before retiring (for the 4th time!). Both Rev. Jim and the Spiritual Council have asked me to continue on staff for an additional week to help with the transition. But all should know there is only one Senior Pastor at a time. During that week, it is not me. Due to

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

### August 7

#### COMMUNION SUNDAY

##### Scripture

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

##### SERMON

*Does the Church Need the Seminary?*

Rev. Dr. Kent Ulery

### August 14

##### Scripture

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

##### SERMON

*Life in Liarsville*

Rev. Dr. Kent Ulery

### August 21

#### PASTOR ELIZABETH'S FINAL SERMON AT GCC

##### Scripture

LUKE 13:10-17

##### SERMON

*Opening Windows*

Rev. Elizabeth Hartung

### August 28

#### CANDIDATING SUNDAY

REV. DR. JIM MATTARAZZO, PREACHING  
SENIOR PASTOR NOMINEE

# 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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:lauraomera@gmail.com), or look for our Signup Genius in the next GCC Eblast.

## HANDS OF PEACE



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Founded and housed right here in the GCC Community, **Hands of Peace** has been planting peace for 20 years and currently has an opening for a new Executive Director to lead us forward toward the next 20 years. Please widely with your networks this opportunity to lead an amazing small team of dedicated professionals in Chicago, Israel, Palestine and San Diego.

<https://handsofpeace.org/join-our-team/>

## OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Office guru needed for GCC born and grown **Hands of Peace**. Work to empower American, Israeli, and Palestinian youth to become agents of change. You'll bring your office administrator whiz talents to an international team of dedicated peacebuilding professionals from an office based right here in GCC. Office guru needed for great interfaith organization empowering American, Israeli, and Palestinian youth to become agents of change. Chicago north suburbs location and you'll work with an international team of dedicated peacebuilding professionals. <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://lnkd.in/gf6CRhhX>

# 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 multi-faith 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 trans-formative 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 corona-virus 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.

vacation time coming, I will be paid through the rest of September.

On September 11, Associate Conference Minister Stephanie Perdeu will join us for worship. Early in the service, she will lead the congregation, Elizabeth, and I through the farewell liturgy, following which we will take our places in the pews. Then, Jim will be welcomed joyfully as the new Senior Pastor, assume leadership of the service, and present his inaugural sermon.

During this month of transitions, let us continually celebrate this new thing God is doing in our midst. To God be the glory, now and always. Amen.

## GCC CALENDAR

Event Time	Event Name
<b>Monday, 01 August 2022</b>	
8:00 AM to 1:30 PM	Summer Hours - Building Closed at 1:30pm
9:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Early Childhood Vacation Bible School
<b>Tuesday, 02 August 2022</b>	
8:00 AM to 1:30 PM	Summer Hours - Building Closed at 1:30pm
9:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Early Childhood Vacation Bible School
<b>Wednesday, 03 August 2022</b>	
8:00 AM to 1:30 PM	Summer Hours - Building Closed at 1:30pm
9:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Early Childhood Vacation Bible School
<b>Thursday, 04 August 2022</b>	
8:00 AM to 1:30 PM	Summer Hours - Building Closed at 1:30pm
9:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Early Childhood Vacation Bible School
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM	Yoga
<b>Friday, 05 August 2022</b>	
8:00 AM to 1:30 PM	Summer Hours - Building Closed at 1:30pm
<b>Sunday, 07 August 2022</b>	
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship Service
<b>Monday, 08 August 2022</b>	
8:00 AM to 1:30 PM	Summer Hours - Building Closed at 1:30pm
<b>Tuesday, 09 August 2022</b>	
8:00 AM to 1:30 PM	Summer Hours - Building Closed at 1:30pm
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Ministry Steering Group Meeting
<b>Wednesday, 10 August 2022</b>	
8:00 AM to 1:30 PM	Summer Hours - Building Closed at 1:30pm
<b>Thursday, 11 August 2022</b>	
8:00 AM to 1:30 PM	Summer Hours - Building Closed at 1:30pm
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM	Yoga
<b>Friday, 12 August 2022</b>	
8:00 AM to 1:30 PM	Summer Hours - Building Closed at 1:30pm
<b>Sunday, 14 August 2022</b>	
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship Service
<b>Monday, 15 August 2022</b>	
9:00 AM to 1:30 PM	Summer Hours - Building Closed at 1:30



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 on-line ([gccucc.org](http://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.

## CHURCH SCHOOL IN THE SUMMER

The church school teachers met this past spring, and church school will continue to use the lectionary-based **Sparkhouse** curriculum this fall. Each week the children will be divided into age-appropriate groups and learn a Bible story. Often, church school teachers will plan an activity including a game, a social and emotional skill-building activity, or a craft based on that day's story. There are also times when there are puppet shows and service projects.

Also, in September of 2022, the church school classes will return to their monthly service projects with a themed focus. We would like to form a "Church School Parent Service Team" to help select and run the projects. Please email Tara Call at [tarablinn@yahoo.com](mailto:tarablinn@yahoo.com) or me. I believe this team would need to meet once or twice sometime this summer and once or twice in the late fall. The meetings could be in person or via Zoom.

## CONFIRMATION

Do you have a rising 7th grader? 7th grade is the beginning of the confirmation journey at Glenview Community Church, where 7th and 8th graders explore their faith and learn that serving and loving our community is God's call for us. You can register your rising 7th grader at this link below.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSewlmtEMBwsN3zT7JYpEvjeRGGROQikOy1kBuhWpMbB9hCiXg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSewlmtEMBwsN3zT7JYpEvjeRGGROQikOy1kBuhWpMbB9hCiXg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## CHURCH SCHOOL IN AUGUST

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.

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

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

**BROADCASTER DEADLINES**

August 24, 2022 9:00 AM  
September 21, 2022 9:00 AM  
October 19, 2022 9:00 AM

Email your article to Tania McCarthy at [taniamccarthy@gccucc.org](mailto:taniamccarthy@gccucc.org) by 9:00 AM on the deadline date.



**YOU MUST HAVE A ROOM OR A CERTAIN HOUR OF THE DAY...  
A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN SIMPLY EXPERIENCE AND BRING FORTH  
WHAT YOU ARE, AND WHAT YOU MIGHT BE...  
AT FIRST, YOU MAY FIND NOTHING'S HAPPENING...  
BUT IF YOU HAVE A SACRED PLACE AND USE IT, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT,  
SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN.**

*Joseph Campbell*