

Love recognizes no barriers.
It jumps hurdles, leaps fences,
penetrates walls to arrive at its
destination full of hope.
Maya Angelou

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Teshuvah - Repentance

I have chosen *Teshuvah*, the Hebrew word for repentance, as the theme for Lent. The literal meaning of *Teshuvah* is "return". Repentance is central to Judaism and Christianity. According to the Jewish Talmud, God created repentance before God created the physical universe (cf. Tractate Nedarim 39b, Babylonian Talmud). Jesus inaugurates his public ministry with a symbolic act of



*Return of the Prodigal Son (1773)
by Pompeo Batoni (1707-1787)*

repentance by being baptized by John in the River Jordan (Matthew 3:13-17). While Christ is held by Christians to be without sin and thus in need of no repentance, his immersion in the waters of the Jordan symbolize that he has turned over his entire being to God and will indeed return to God. After 3 ½ short years of ministry, Jesus is crucified with his Resurrection (the Easter event) being his triumphant return to heaven.

In Martin Luther's famous '95 Theses' of 1517 which sparked the Protestant Reformation, the First Thesis is this: "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said "Repent," he intended that the entire life of believers should be repentance." The Christian life is therefore always one of *teshuvah* – returning again and again to God. Our repentance ends only in eternal life when we, like Christ, will have no need of repentance for we will have returned fully to God.

I vividly recall attending an Orthodox synagogue on Manhattan's Upper East Side on Friday evening several years ago with my college classmate Adam. I listened to the rabbi's sermon in a heavy New York accent: "All God wants is just a little *teshuvah*. Just a little turning!" In Judaism, someone who returns to observance is called a *ba'al teshuvah* (a "master of return [to God]"). The Talmud says that a true *ba'al teshuvah* stands higher heaven than someone that has always been observant, and that such a one stands higher than the most righteous person because the penitent person has overcome sin – something righteous people do not need to overcome (cf. Tractate Berakot 34b). This is related to the celebrated gospel Parable of the Prodigal Son pictured in the artwork. In Luke 15:11-32, the father celebrates his wayward son's return with great fanfare to the consternation of his other faithful son. The father explains to the faithful son that all he has is his, but that his brother "was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." (Luke 15:32). Jesus explains: "In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." (Luke 15:10) Therefore, in this season of Lent as we prepare for Easter, let us all be *baalei teshuvah* ("masters of return"). Let us return to God in penitence and prayer knowing that this is the pathway to Easter joy.

See you in church,

Jim

Rev. Dr. James Matarazzo
Senior Minister

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Teshuvah Repentance

LENTEN CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, February 22 – 7 PM

Ash Wednesday – Communion (intinction)
and Imposition of Ashes

WEDNESDAY, February 22 – 8 PM

Amos Speakers Forum speaker,
Rev. Dr. James Matarazzo, Jr.

SUNDAY, February 26 – 10 AM

First Sunday of Lent with Imposition of Ashes
Midwinter Meeting following the service.

MONDAY, February 27 - Noon

*Bible Study on the Book of Job

SUNDAY, March 5 – 10 AM

Second Sunday of Lent
Holy Communion (intinction)

MONDAY, March 6 - Noon

*Bible Study on the Book of Job

SUNDAY, March 12 – 10 AM

Third Sunday of Lent

Concert for Peace - UTOPIA - 3:00 PM

MONDAY, March 13 - Noon

*Bible Study on the Book of Job

SUNDAY, March 19 – 10 AM

Fourth Sunday of Lent

MONDAY March 20 - Noon

*Bible Study on the Book of Job

SUNDAY, March 26 – 10 AM

Fifth Sunday of Lent/Laetare Sunday:
Annunciation of the Lord to Mary

MONDAY March 27-- Noon

*Bible Study on the Book of Job

SUNDAY April 2 - 10 AM

Palm Sunday with Blessing of Palms

MONDAY April 3 - Noon

*Bible Study on the Book of Job

WEDNESDAY, April 5 - 7:00 PM

Amos Speakers' Forum - speaker, Lumi Stutz

THURSDAY, April 6 at 7 PM

Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion
and Foot Washing

April 7 - 7 PM

Good Friday with the Office of Tenebrae

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9

9 AM and 11 AM

***BIBLE STUDY**

During Lent, there will be brown bag lunch Bible Study on the Book of Job on Mondays at Noon in the Upper Commons led by the Senior Minister. It is BYOL but beverages will be provided. We will use a special translation of the Book of Job by Stephen Mitchell (New York: HarperCollins, 1992) that will be provided to everyone at the first meeting with a modest donation requested to offset the cost of the book.

The Bible Study will meet Mondays at Noon on:
February 27; March 6; March 13; March 20; March 27; April 3

HOST A YOUNG PEACEMAKER WITH HANDS OF PEACE

CHICAGO
SUMMER PROGRAM
JULY 12-31, 2023



HANDS OF PEACE

Hands of Peace is an interfaith organization that works with American, Israeli, and Palestinian youth to become agents of change. Each summer, we bring participants to our sites in Chicago (Glenview, IL) and San Diego for a three-week dialogue-based program that is just the first step in a greater journey.

This year, our flagship Summer Program will take place July 12-31, 2023. We are currently looking for American teens, ages 15-17, to apply. Students do not have to be experts on Israel-Palestine, but rather interested in international relations, peace-building, and/or dialogue, as well as open to having a transformative summer experience. The due date for applications is March 1, 2023. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and are followed by an interview.

We are also looking for local families to apply to host 1-2 Israeli or Palestinian participants or staff in their homes during the duration of the Summer Program. Host families provide a safe "home away from home" for our participants and staff, as well as help build community around the pursuit of peace. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and are followed by a home visit and background check.

Go to <https://handsofpeace.org/> for the applications for participant or host.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Please sign up to volunteer to serve at Sunday Fellowship Hour or to bring cookies, brownies, cake, coffee cake, fruit, donut holes, cheese and crackers (or be creative). Sign up by contacting JoAnne Peters at jo.gramma.peters@gmail.com or the sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040445a5ac2eabfe3-fellowship1#/>. Thank you from the Fellowship Team: Ann, Dina, Holly, JoAnne, Laura, Marion and Sally.

"SOUP"ER BOWL OF SWEETNESS

Below is a link to the "Soup"er Bowl of Sweetness Signup Genius below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A45A4AC2EA75-souper>

KIDS CORNER

CHURCH SCHOOL

February 5 Salt and Light--regular church school and childcare available.

February 12 Jesus Teaches about Anger--regular church school and childcare available. **"Souper" Sunday of Sweetness Super-bowl Sunday** with luncheon following the church service; canned food drive, Valentine crafts, wear your favorite team colors or jersey—any team, not just football!

February 19 Transfiguration Sunday, Community Sunday for grades 2-6 and childcare available.

February 26 1st Sunday in Lent, Begin Spring A curriculum, Adam and Eve—regular church school and childcare available

Questions? Please contact Chris Calandra, Designated Director of Children's Ministry at chris.calandra@gccucc.org.

GCC CONFIRMATION

February 5 – Confirmation Bake Sale after worship; Confirmation Class 5-6 p.m.

February 12 – No Confirmation

February 19 – No Confirmation

February 26 – Confirmation Class 5-6 p.m.

If anyone has any questions regarding confirmation, please contact Rev. Sarah Lohrbach at sarah.lohrbach@gccucc.org.

HELP WANTED!

Volunteer to help make GCC work best both for your fellow congregants and for the larger community around us.

Would you like to make more friends at GCC? It's easy to connect with others who share your interests when you volunteer to share your precious time in any of the many church ministries. See the inserted flyer for a list of the wide variety of interests you can pursue at GCC.

Have you been a GCC member for a while, and now you have ideas to help "Make all things new again?" See the inserted flyer to jog your memory about where your time and talents could do the most good.

We currently need a chair for the Properties Team in the Resource Ministry, and a candidate for Treasurer, to be elected in May, but spend some time before that with current treasurer Chris Clark, who says the job is easier and less time consuming than it sounds!

Please explore volunteering by reviewing the opportunities shown in the links above, and then reach out to one of the following members of the Leadership Committee for information about how to get involved.

Leanne Drennan, lcd60026@gmail.com

Stephen Isaacs, Moderator-Elect, stephenisaacs006@gmail.com

Nancy Mullarkey, Leadership Committee Chair, ngbmull@gmail.com



GREAT TURNOUT AT GUN SAFETY FAIR

GCC's Faith in Action Team (FIAT) and the Glenview/Glencoe branch of the League of Women Voters co-sponsored an informative and very successful Gun Safety Fair last Sunday. The event brought together 12 different groups including local politicians, law enforcement, and grassroots organizations to share information about local efforts to improve gun safety and reduce gun violence in our community and beyond. Attendees learned that there are many ways individuals can get involved and make a difference. If you would like to learn more, you can find the directory of participants on GCC's website: <https://www.gccucc.org/faith-formation/>

I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, A HUGE THANK YOU!



WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!

Please stop by **Culver's** (1727 Waukegan Road) on **February 15** from 4:00-8:00pm. Just mention Glenview Community Church Nursery School and **Culver's** will donate 20% of your order back to our school! Order dinner (and dessert!) and help support our community!

Many, many thanks for all of your very generous contributions of **Dunkin Donuts** gift cards for **The Night Ministry**. The cards will be distributed to the many un-housed and worthy, hungry people who receive assistance from **The Night Ministry** - from teenagers to senior citizens. The **Dunkin Donuts** gift cards program was started by W.A. Chapter 20 in 2014. That year Chapter 20 gave 33 \$5.00 cards. 2020 was the first time all GCC participated, 300 Cards were donated. In 2021, 953 **Dunkin Donuts** gift cards were donated!

In 2022 - 253 **Dunkin Donuts Cards** plus \$1,420.00 in check/cash., a total of \$2,710.00 was donated. The local **Dunkin Donut** stores ran out of gift cards!! (I like to think that was because of our generous GCC members and friends). The cards and the many, many gifts that were donated around our Christmas Tree were delivered to **The Night Ministry** by Allen Ruter last week. Thank you, blessings, *Dori Hirsch*

Let's Stay Connected

FIND YOUR **GLENVIEW
COMMUNITY
CHURCH**

Update for 2023 GCC Member Directory

Please check your listing in the current directory.

Indicate changes/corrections below or via email to susan.woodsone@gccucc.org

Please Return to Office by April 1, 2023

Member 1 _____
Last Name First Name (as it will appear in directory)

Address 1 _____
Street Address City State Zip Code Months

Address 2 _____
Street Address City State Zip Code Months

Preferred Primary Phone Number Business Phone Number Cell Phone Number

Email Address Business Email Address

Member 2

_____ Last Name First Name (as it will appear in directory)

Primary Phone Number Business Phone Number Cell Phone Number

Email Address Business Email Address

Children's Names 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

****Please note any information in the current directory you want removed****

Emergency Contact (Other than member listed) (Information will NOT be printed in directory)

Name Relationship Telephone Number

Find Your Community at Glenview Community Church

GCC "SOUP"ER BOWL OF SWEETNESS



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Canned Food Drive and Soup/Sandwiches After Church

Wear your favorite Football Jersey! \$10/person \$40/family

Save The Date

CONCERT FOR PEACE

Concert and art exhibit to benefit
Hands of Peace - www.handsofpeace.org
Interfaith performers and artists
Part of the Simple Gifts Concert Series

SUNDAY
March 12
3 PM

UTOPIA

GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH 1000 Elm St.
Glenview, IL 60025
847-721-2224

FIND YOUR

GCC CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

| Event Time | Event Name | Primary Location | Event Time | Event Name | Primary Location |
|------------------------------------|--|------------------|---|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Wednesday, 01 February 2023 | | | Thursday, 23 February 2023 | | |
| 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM | New To You | New To You | 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM | New To You | New To You |
| 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM | Youth Umbrella Fellowship | Community Room | 6:15 PM to 7:20 PM | Joyful Ringers | Bell Room |
| Thursday, 02 February 2023 | | | 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM | 156 Troop Meeting | Community Room |
| 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM | New To You | New To You | 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM | Chancel Choir | Sanctuary |
| 6:15 PM to 7:20 PM | Joyful Ringers | Bell Room | Friday, 24 February 2023 | | |
| 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM | 156 Troop Meeting | Community Room | 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM | New To You | New To You |
| 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM | Chancel Choir | Sanctuary | Saturday, 25 February 2023 | | |
| Friday, 03 February 2023 | | | 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM | New To You | New To You |
| 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM | New To You | New To You | Sunday, 26 February 2023 | | |
| Saturday, 04 February 2023 | | | 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM | GCC Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM | New To You | New To You | 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM | Congregational Midwinter Meeting | Sanctuary |
| Sunday, 05 February 2023 | | | 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM | Fellowship Time | Upper Commons |
| 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM | GCC Worship Service | Sanctuary | 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM | GCC Confirmation | Youth Room |
| 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM | Fellowship Time/Youth Bake Sale | Upper Commons | Tuesday, 28 February 2023 | | |
| 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM | GCC Confirmation | Youth Room | 5:30 PM to 8:45 PM | STL Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| Tuesday, 07 February 2023 | | | 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM | Spiritual Council Meeting | Founders |
| 5:30 PM to 8:45 PM | STL Rehearsal | Sanctuary | GCC MIDWINTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - FEB 26, 2023 11:15 AM | | |
| Wednesday, 08 February 2023 | | | The agenda is as follows: | | |
| 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM | New To You | New To You | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of the Minutes of the August 28, 2022, Special Congregational Meeting • Receipt of the Clerk's Report • Receipt of the Treasurer's Report • Congregational Vote on Human Resources Organizational Changes for 2023 • Forward in Faith Update • Adoption of the GCC 2023 Budget • Congregational Vote on Leadership and Governance Council name changes • Rev. Dr. James Matarazzo, Jr. report on his first 100 days and looking ahead to 2023 | | |
| 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM | Youth Umbrella Fellowship | Community Room | 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. | | |
| Thursday, 09 February 2023 | | |  <p>Every purchase you make GIVES BACK to the Community</p> <p>A Charitable Resale Shop</p> | | |
| 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM | New To You | New To You | | | |
| 6:15 PM to 7:20 PM | Joyful Ringers | Bell Room | | | |
| 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM | 156 Troop Meeting | Community Room | | | |
| 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM | Chancel Choir | Sanctuary | | | |
| Friday, 10 February 2023 | | | | | |
| 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM | New To You | New To You | | | |
| Saturday, 11 February 2023 | | | | | |
| 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM | New To You | New To You | | | |
| 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM | Dagny Engle - Memorial Service | Sanctuary | | | |
| Sunday, 12 February 2023 | | | | | |
| 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM | GCC Worship Service | Sanctuary | | | |
| 11:15 AM to 1:00 PM | Souper Bowl of Sweetness | Community Room | | | |
| Tuesday, 14 February 2023 | | | | | |
| 5:30 PM to 8:45 PM | STL Rehearsal | Sanctuary | | | |
| 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM | Ministry Steering Group | Founders | | | |
| Wednesday, 15 February 2023 | | | | | |
| 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM | New To You | New To You | | | |
| 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM | Youth Umbrella Fellowship | Community Room | | | |
| Thursday, 16 February 2023 | | | | | |
| 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM | New To You | New To You | | | |
| 6:15 PM to 7:20 PM | Joyful Ringers | Bell Room | | | |
| 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM | 156 Troop Meeting | Community Room | | | |
| 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM | Chancel Choir | Sanctuary | | | |
| Friday, 17 February 2023 | | | | | |
| 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM | New To You | New To You | | | |
| Saturday, 18 February 2023 | | | | | |
| 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM | New To You | New To You | | | |
| Sunday, 19 February 2023 | | | | | |
| 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM | GCC Worship Service | Sanctuary | | | |
| 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM | Fellowship Time | Upper Commons | | | |
| Tuesday, 21 February 2023 | | | | | |
| 5:30 PM to 8:45 PM | STL Rehearsal | Sanctuary | | | |
| Wednesday, 22 February 2023 | | | | | |
| 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM | New To You | New To You | | | |
| 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM | Youth Umbrella Fellowship | Community Room | | | |
| 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM | Ash Wednesday Worship Service | Sanctuary | | | |
| 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM | Amos Speaker's Forum, Rev. Dr. Jim Matarazzo | SanctuaryB | | | |

BE YOUR COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY THRIVE

Adult Faith Formation

Provide faith and spiritual development opportunities (e.g., Amos Speakers Forum, Spiritual Life Teams, Bible Study).

Communications

Promote GCC's good news to the Glenview community (e.g., write articles/ads, website design, social media posts).

Congregational Care

Help those in need to feel cared for by GCC (e.g., join Called to Care, deliver altar flowers, write notes to isolated congregants).

Fellowship/Social Life

Plan social events for the congregation and/or help with coffee/snacks after church services.

Health

Promote good health to our congregation (e.g., plan wellness events and classes).

Human Resources

Put your professional knowledge to work to support GCC with staffing and Human Resources issues, keep church HR policies up-to-date.

Inclusivity

Make GCC a place that welcomes and comforts all (e.g., WISE, LGBTQ+, people with disabilities); connect people with interest groups.

Leadership

Promote GCC's continued vitality by identifying and developing candidates for elected roles in church leadership.

Lector

Contribute your speaking talents to enhance worship by reading the scripture during a worship service.

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Member Engagement

Increase congregation involvement (e.g., Neighborhood Groups, Membership Directory).

Music Ministry

Join a music group: Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Handbell Choir, or play your instrument in worship.

Outreach Opportunities

Spread God's love beyond GCC (e.g., deliver food to A Just Harvest or for Food on the First, volunteer for Feed My Starving Children, advocate for social justice with FIAT, learn about our mission partners and allocate the mission budget, conduct collections for in-kind donations to mission partners and others in need).

Pastoral Relations

Nurture the minister's relations with the congregation and staff, provide confidential constructive feedback to the ministers, recommend policies regarding pastoral relations.

Resource Planning

Serve as stewards of the GCC building, grounds, and finances; promote generosity among the congregants (e.g., Generosity Campaign, Planned Giving, Memorial Garden).

Worship Support – Usher/Communion Server/Ambassadors

Welcome and attend to needs of congregants and visitors at worship Services; help serve Holy Communion.

Youth Ministry/Confirmation

Teach Sunday School, Confirmation, or Puppets; help with PYF youth ministry mission trips, retreats, fundraisers and more.



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SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. James Matarazzo, Jr.

BROADCASTER DEADLINES

January 24, 2023 by 9:00 AM

Email your article to Tania McCarthy at [tania.mccarthy@](mailto:tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org)

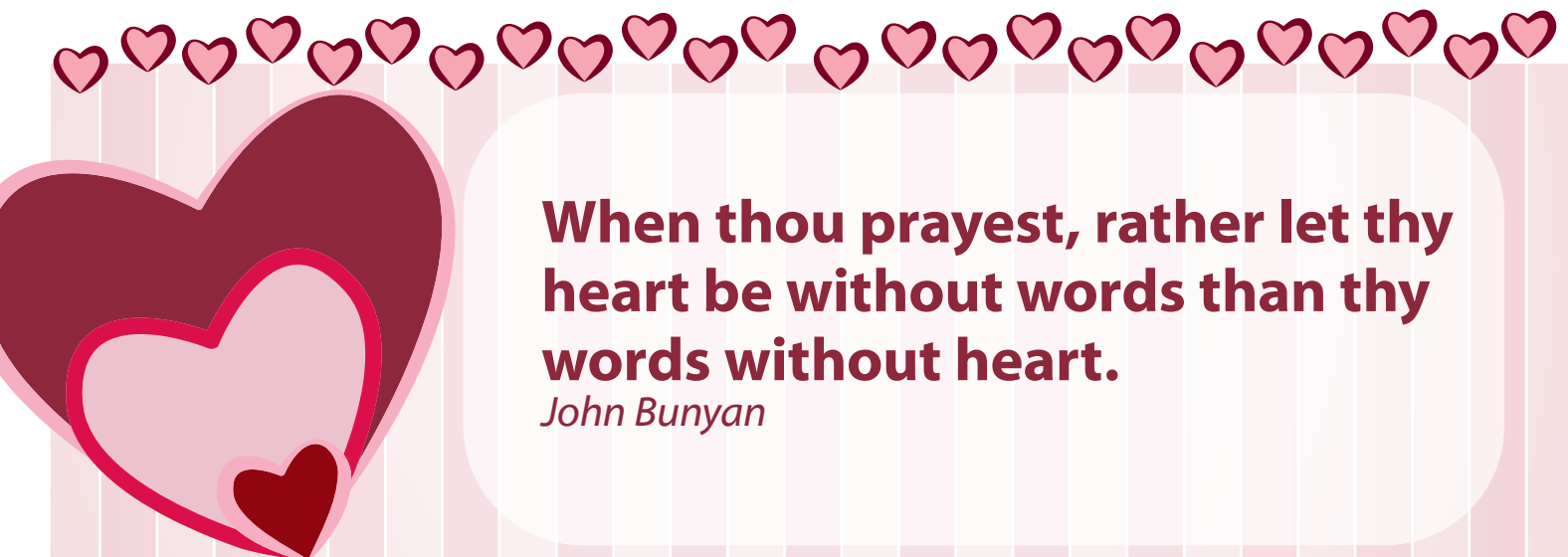
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Enriched by Faith.
Committed to Inclusivity.
We Serve God As Advocates
for Justice, Compassion,
and Peace.**



**When thou prayest, rather let thy
heart be without words than thy
words without heart.**

John Bunyan

Community... in Christ