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A NEW SEASON

Nearly all churches begin their program year in early September. Labor Day weekend marks the unofficial end of summer and the beginning of the academic year in schools and colleges. In Protestant churches, the first Sunday after Labor Day is given many names. In the churches I have served, it has been called Homecoming Sunday and Recovenanting Sunday. At GCC, it is called Rally Sunday. The idea of course is that many were away from work, church, and school during the summer and now it is time to start a “new year”. And there are several “new years” besides January 1. The Jewish New Year (Rosh Hashannah) begins on sundown on September 15. Originally, the Christian liturgical calendar began its “new year” on September 1 in part because this was the beginning of fiscal or taxation year in the Roman Empire. Later, after the Western Latin Church split from the Eastern Byzantine Church in 1054, the Western Church moved the start of the church year to the First Sunday of Advent (this year it is December 3). So, Catholics and Protestants deem Advent to be the start of a new church year. But the Eastern Orthodox Churches retain the older date – their church year still begins September 1.

At GCC, our program year begins with Rally Sunday and there will be many new things. Foremost, we will welcome Abigail Lutz as our inaugural Pastoral Resident. She will be a full-time member of the staff and will be involved in all aspects of GCC’s ministry. Julie Evans, our new youth ministry director, will be relaunching the Middle School and High School youth groups with weekly meetings on Sunday late afternoon and Wednesday evening. Our Confirmation classes will begin at 9:00 AM on Sundays before worship which will allow confirmands to easily attend worship at 10:00 AM. Chris Calandra will continue to ably manage our church school. There will be new adult education programming, enhanced pastoral care, and more robust outreach opportunities. GCC will engage with its interfaith and ecumenical partners in a much stronger way, recovering a tradition for which we have long been known. Gary Wendt

and Guillermo Muñoz-Küster will be exploring a variety of musical offerings. We will also be looking at alternative forms of contemporary worship.

This will be the first truly post-Covid year at GCC and there remains much work to do yet many opportunities. All churches are in a process of reinventing themselves due to the hangover effects of a year of closures in 2020-2021. It is worth noting that the World Health Organization did not end its Covid-19 international public health emergency declaration until May 3, 2023. In the United States, the Biden Administration ended its own emergency declaration on May 11, 2023 – only four months ago.

Our 2024 Generosity Campaign, graciously chaired by Maren Miller, has adopted the slogan “Behold, I am making all things new” (Rev. 21:5). I invite you all to embrace and participate in this new season at GCC.

See you in church,
Jim

Rev. Dr. James M. Matarazzo, Jr.
Senior Minister



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO MEETING, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

The Glenview Community Church Special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 24, 2023, at 11:15am, in the church sanctuary.

Two items will be discussed and voted on at this meeting:

- 1) Motion and congregational vote to approve the creation of an outdoor memorial garden according to the plans presented with the following provisions:
 - a. The cost will not exceed \$114,000.
 - b. The initial construction costs would be paid for, in large part, by a loan from the unrestricted capital reserve and will be repaid.
 - c. Each individual cremains grave plot cost will be set at \$2000 and the fee will be reviewed annually.
- 2) In order for Abigail Lutz to meet the Committee on Ministry's requirements for her ordination, a motion and congregational vote to approve the Glenview Community Church Letter of Call confirming Ms. Abigail Lutz as Pastoral Resident from September 2023 to September 2025.

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.

See you in Church!
Jo Anne Peters
Church Clerk

MYRA LORIS

Educator, Myra Loris, provides lectures that focus on current social, political, and economic issues of critical importance to our nation and looks through the lens of history to understand the significance of such issues to our present and future.

November 7, 2023, Myra Loris presents.....REALLY?! Things I Learned While Recuperating.

This program looks at recent trends in the news, both negative and positive, and at the history that expands and explains these current issues. The question of whether, as a nation, we are moving ahead or receding into the past will be explored by looking at such critical issues as child labor, gun control, environmental breakthroughs, and much, much more.

Refreshments: 1:30 p.m.

Program: Lecture from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Community Room, Glenview Community Church

COST: \$15

Questions: berylbills@comcast.net



Welcome to our new year of **Youth Program for 2023-2024** school year. We look forward to having you join us during the year. Please note that these programs are open to all, not just GCC members. Please feel free to invite a friend to join.

If you would like to add anyone to this email distribution list, please let me know and I will update our records.

We have a new Instagram account where we will be posting different events throughout the year. Please follow the account: **GCC_PYF_KREW**.

WHO:

High School ONLY -PYF (Pilgrim Youth Fellowship)

DAY:

Sundays

TIME:

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

BEGINNING:

September 10, 2023

DESCRIPTION:

Activities, social and service projects

DONATIONS:

Sign-Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849ACAC23A6F9CE9-snacks>

This will be an ongoing list and will be updated regularly.

WHO:

Joint Junior High School (KREW (Kids – Ready, Equipped & Willing)) & High School (PYF) aged youth

DAY:

Wednesdays

TIME:

6:00-8:00p.m.

DESCRIPTION:

Joint dinner (\$5.00 donation per person) – 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Break into Middle School & High School Group – 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Will begin September 13, 2023.

Tom Amos 2023 - 2024 SPEAKERS FORUM

SEPTEMBER 13

Spotlight: Teenage Mental Health, with panelists from Erika's Lighthouse, Family Service Center, Glenbrook South HS, and Youth Services of Glenview - Northbrook

OCTOBER 11

Political Extremism at Our Back Doors: The John Birch Society in 1960s Glenview, with Susan Johns, President of the Glenview History Center

NOVEMBER 8

Why Performance Psychology Matters (and Not Just to Athletes), with Tom Mietus, Athletic Director at Glenbrook South HS

DECEMBER 6

'Tis the Season: Jazz to the World! with a trio of musicians led by saxophonist Neil Carson

JANUARY 10

Welcome to 2024: Information Literacy in This Tricky Time, with Lindsey Dorfman, Executive Library Director of Glenview Public Library

FEBRUARY 7

Spotlight: Cook County's United Against Hate Campaign, with County Commissioner Scott Britton

MARCH 6

Meet the Neighbors: An Interfaith Dialogue, with Qasim Gillani from Glenview's Ishmaili Jamatkhana and Rev. Dr. James Matarazzo, GCC's Senior Minister

APRIL 10

A Trio of Pairs: Poems, Short Stories, and Old Friends, with Judy Adams and Allan Ruter, longtime teaching colleagues and literary combatants

All events held on Wednesdays
at 7 PM in GCC's Upper Commons
Free admission | All are welcome!



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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 October 1, 2024

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

Address _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Preferred Primary Phone Number Cell Phone Number

Email Address _____

Member 2 _____
Last Name First Name (as it will appear in directory)

Primary Phone Number Cell Phone Number

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

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT FALL 2023

Are you looking for something for your younger child/children to do while the older child/children are in preschool? Then Music and Movement classes are for you. This is a class that your younger children can attend together no matter what their ages. Our GCCNS's music teacher, Debbie Berg, will offer Music and Movement classes beginning this fall for children ages nine months – 4 years. Classes are on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, 9:15 -10:00 and 10:15-11:00. Classes will be of mixed age, and parents or caregivers are required to stay with the child/children. The fall session (12 weeks) will begin the week of September 11 and continue until the week of December 11. Look for a registration form on the GCCNS website. Non-GCCNS families are also welcome, so share the information with your friends from playgroups, library story time, or neighbors. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Berg at debbieberg23@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

September is the month for updating your membership information in our GCC directory! Please return the following form to Susan Woodsome in the church office or email it to her at susan.woodsomes@gccucc.org no later than Sunday, October 1. In addition, should you want an updated directory, contact Susan and she will provide you with one. Thanks much for attending to this "housekeeping" task! The form is on page 4.



**FREE SUMMER CONCERT ON
FRIDAY @ 5: 30 PM**

SEPTEMBER 29

Featuring Katherine Hughes and the MKD trio as well as GCC Musicians, performing fall favorites!

Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm Street. Bring a chair and a friend and enjoy the concert on the east circle drive lawn.

CALENDARS AND CARDS

The collection box for calendars and blank cards has been returned to outside the parish office. You may deposit these items now instead of waiting for November when Christmas cards will be collected. The calendars will be going to Restore Justice Illinois. Any questions, please contact Jane Marmet at 847-724-5196

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).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45A8AA2AAAFE3-gccfellowship/14881700#/>. Thank you from the Fellowship Team:

Laura McNeela.

KIDS CORNER

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

Children stay with their families throughout the church service through September 3, 2023

September 3

No church school, childcare for infants and toddlers available in Room 107

September 10

Rally Day—church school resumes, children will start with their parents in the sanctuary. Following the children's message, children will leave the sanctuary with their church school teachers to convene in their classrooms for the remainder of the service.

Fall Church School resumes on Rally Day, September 10. We are excited about the upcoming year and look forward to welcoming everyone back after summer vacations. Online registration forms will be sent soon with a link to share with friends, family, and neighbors. If you are interested or have questions please contact Chris Calandra, Director of Children's Ministry at chris.calandra@gccucc.org

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SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. James Matarazzo, Jr.
Abigail Lutz, Pastoral Resident

BROADCASTER DEADLINES

September 20, 2023 by 9:00 AM
November 15, 2023 by 9:00 AM
December 13, 2023 by 9:00 AM

Email your article to Tania McCarthy at tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org by 9:00 AM on the deadline date.

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Inspired by Christ.
Enriched by Faith.
Committed to Inclusivity.
We Serve God as Advocates
for Justice, Compassion,
and Peace.

When one devotes oneself to meditation, mental burdens, unnecessary worries, and wandering thoughts drop off one by one; life seems to run smoothly and pleasantly. A student may now depend on intuition to make decisions. As one acts on intuition, second thought, with its dualism, doubt and hesitation, does not arise.

Nyogen Senzaki

