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NEWSLETTER OF THE GLENVIEW NEW CHURCH

JULY/AUGUST 2017

Pastoral Message

Go Forward!

A few days ago the GNCS faculty held two days of meetings following school closing. The first item on the agenda, after opening prayer, was to decide on a school theme for the coming year.

It didn't take long. Following on the heels of "Let Your Light Shine..." (our most recent school theme) we quickly focused on the story of the Exodus and the Lord's command to the children of Israel to "Go forward." It seemed like a good follow-up and complement to last year's theme.

You may remember the story we're talking about. The people of Israel had just come out of enslavement in Egypt, and they'd come up against the Red Sea. At the same time, Pharaoh and his army were in hot pursuit. What would the Israelites do? Moses, their leader, cried out to the Lord for help. The Lord answered, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward." "Go forward"—into the Red Sea and beyond, into the harsh environment of the wilderness where they would experience additional challenges en route to the promised land. Following His command the Lord divided the Red Sea, and the children of Israel went through on dry ground.

No doubt, the theme of going forward will serve the GNCS well. It will encourage students and faculty alike to grow in their ability, willingness, courage, and resolve to "go forward" in all that they say and do. But going forward is something that we as a church can hope to do as well. Coming off a successful year of strategic planning, one of our hopes is to continue growing in our ability to reach out to, connect with, and serve people and families in the surrounding community. We want to get better and better at what we offer as a church and how we offer it.

It's interesting: If we look back at the story of the Red Sea, the Egyptian army was bearing down on Israel. Just before the Lord told the people to "Go forward," Moses himself commanded them to "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today.... The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

So which were the people to do—"Stand still" or "Go forward"? In the story of our lives (and in the life of our congregation) the answer is "both." The command to "Stand still" invites us to remember the Lord—the Lord is the one who gives us the ability, strength, creativity, and resolve to "Go forward" into each new experience and venture as a community. In the coming year then, let's aim for a balance of humility/reliance on the Lord and a "can do" attitude/approach in all that we do as a church.

May the Lord bless our efforts as a church to grow, to serve, and to "Go forward." (Mark)

Church Calendar

JULY

- 2 SUN 9:30 Contemporary Worship Service
11:00 Traditional Worship Service
- 3 MON 5:30 Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)
- 4 TUES 9:00 July 4th Parade
12:30 July 4th Picnic and Games
- 9 SUN 9:30 Contemporary Worship Service
11:00 Traditional Worship Service
- 13 THUR 7:00 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 14 FRI 6:00 Spiritual Studies Club
- 16 SUN 9:30 Contemporary Worship Service
11:00 Traditional Worship Service
- 17 MON 5:30 Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)
- 20 THURS 7:00 MANC Board Meeting
- 23 SUN 9:30 Contemporary Worship Service
11:00 Traditional Worship Service
- 24 MON 5:30 Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)
- 30 SUN 9:30 Contemporary Worship Service
11:00 Traditional Worship Service
- 31 MON 5:30 Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)

AUGUST

- 1 TUE 7:00 Park Dwellings Meeting
- 2 WED 7:00 Pastor's Council
- 6 SUN 9:30 Contemporary Worship Service
11:00 Traditional Worship Service
- 7 MON 5:30 Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)
- 10 THURS 7:00 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 13 SUN 9:30 Contemporary Worship Service
11:00 Traditional Worship Service
- 14 MON 5:30 Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)
- 15 Park News Deadline
- 17 THURS 7:00 MANC Board Meeting
- 18 FRI 6:00 Spiritual Studies Club
- 20 SUN 9:30 Contemporary Worship Service
11:00 Traditional Worship Service
- 21 MON 5:30 Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)
- 23 WED 9:00 GNCS Opening Chapel
- 27 SUN 9:30 Contemporary Worship Service
11:00 Traditional Worship Service
- 28 MON 5:30 Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)

General Announcements

Baptism

June 11, 2017— Rodrigo Fidalgo, Rev. Mark Pendleton officiating

Jesse Christian Smith (1990-2017)

On May 27, the Auditorium was filled to overflowing with people who had been touched by Jesse Smith's life. The non-traditional like Jesse!) memorial service included six eulogies and was jointly officiated by Mark Pendleton and Theresa Uber. The tone of love and healing resounded in songs sung by the congregation: Morning Has Broken, Healer of My Soul and Amazing Grace.

Joel Smith introduced the family, Carolyn Smith offered a meditation on the Serenity Prayer, and Jesse's sisters (Megan Odhner, Jennica Nobre and Freya Henry) each spoke from the heart of a big sister. Following a beautiful song that Jennica had originally written for Jesse on his high school graduation, Mark, Theresa and Alex (a dear friend of Jesse's) each offered a eulogy.

After open mic, for friends to add tributes and memories of Jesse, Joel Smith and Roxanne Junge sang the Twenty-Third Psalm. The entire assemblage sang The Lord's Prayer to conclude the service, and a postlude of Here Comes the Sun brought the cheer of new beginnings. (Sandy Ruch)

Fourth of July Festivities

Join us for our traditional July 4th festivities in the Park. Independence Day begins with a parade stepping off at **9am** SHARP from the Church parking lot. (The Park parade start time has been moved up 30 minutes due to the change in route of the Village of Glenview parade.) Prizes will be awarded to float and bicycle entrants. The parade will be followed by a flagpole ceremony, which will include a patriotic speech. The Village of Glenview parade starts from Glenview Community Church at 11:15am, heading west on Glenview Road, ending near the Family Video parking lot. There will be a picnic in the Pine Grove (near the playground opposite the Church) beginning at 12:30pm. The event will include races, softball, and of course, lots of visiting with community members and out of town guests.

Most have enjoyed ending the day by watching fireworks. The Glenview Twilight Show concert and fireworks display will be at Gallery Park in The Glen (Patriot Boulevard and Navy Boulevard). Our congregation tends to be a wonderful gathering place for a lot of people on this important national holiday. Here's to another fantastic celebration!

Spiritual Studies Club

The "Spiritual Studies Club," will meet on Friday, July 14 and also on Friday, August 18 in the Glenview New Church Youth Center. Come for yummy hors d'oeuvres at 6pm, a delicious free meal at 7pm, followed by stimulating discussion on spiritual topics at 7:45pm.

Welcome Coffee & 2017-2018 Opening Chapel

The faculty and staff are excited about starting the 2017-2018 school year. Parents and friends are invited to join us for coffee on Wednesday, August 23 at 8:30am in the Assembly Hall followed by our school opening chapel service in the Auditorium at 9am. Hope to see you there!

One Service on Labor Day Weekend

There will be one combined worship service on Sunday, September 3, the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. That service will take place at 9:30am in the Church Sanctuary. This follows a pattern of combining our services on four Sundays a year—the Sundays of Labor Day and Memorial Day weekends, and the Sundays after Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Sunday Morning Sermon Discussion Circle

This informal weekly drop-in gathering happens in the Auditorium after the 9:30 service to spiritually connect and further discuss the sermon topic. We will be taking a June/July summer break and will gather again in August. Summer Blessings!

Women Unwind

Women meet weekly for conversation and fellowship on Mondays at 5:30pm at Karen Stoeller's home. (100 Park Drive) Please note: no gathering on July 10.

Volunteers Needed

4th of July - Park Parade, Flagpole Ceremony and Picnic

The day's activities are coming together but we still need sound system set up crew, flag raisers, parade judges and picnic cashiers. It's a super fun day but we need a lot of help to make it happen. Call Martha Heilman 847-302-7619 or use sign-up genius link to sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0545a5ae2fa7fc1-july>

Summer Sunday Service Volunteers Needed

Ushering and refreshments are key areas where we need help. Young people are also invited to sign up. Thank you in advance for your energies and useful service! See sign-up genius link to signup or call Martha Heilman 847-302-7619. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0545a5ae2fa7fc1-930>

The Ruth C. Poulsen Scholarship and Education Fund 2017-2018

Applications are now being accepted for the Ruth C. Poulsen Scholarship and Education Fund for the 2017-18 academic year. This scholarship is available to current Bryn Athyn College students, to high school seniors attending the Bryn Athyn College next year, and to previous high school graduates who may not as yet have applied to that college. Scholarships are awarded in that order, if sufficient

funds are available. Parents of students must be members of the General Church and active members of the Glenview Society. Written requests should be sent to either Jerry Fuller or Bruce Reuter by July 15. Any questions can be directed to Bruce Reuter (847) 729-1364 or Jerry Fuller (847) 729-4642.

Annual Golf Outing — September 23

Let's hope you have the date of Saturday, September 23 on your calendars. If not, put it on immediately. Once again plan on a day of fun and conviviality that will provide golf, lunch, and a donation to a Church use, all for the same price as in previous years of \$100 per person. To sign up call Owen Smith at 630-327-1966.

Laurel Family Camp-July 30-August 5

Registration for Laurel Family Camp is now open. Laurel's mission is to build a spiritual community based on the Lord's Word. The camp is a chance to spend a week out in the beautiful woods of Laurel Hill State Park in Pennsylvania, and experience a unique kind of spiritual community with friends of all ages. Each day contains worship, small groups, shared meals, and lots of music. Come sleep in a cabin, swim in the lake, and spend time by the campfire.

The pastoral staff is Solomon Keal, Calvin Odhner and Elmo Action. This year's theme is "The Middle" — whether it is pleasant or difficult, what comes between the beginning and the end is usually an important part of life. Come explore "The Middle" with us this summer at Laurel Camp! Register online at: <http://www.laurelcamp.org>.

Tableaux Gifts

Our church has a tradition of presenting handmade gifts to young children at our Christmas Pageant (Tableaux). We are in need of a couple of people who are interested in making some of those gifts so we're ready in December. Please contact Cindy Parker cindyparker1010@gmail.com, Jerry Fuller (kjfullergv@comcast.net) or Jill Brickman (brickmanjill@gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer.

Golf Scramble Fundraiser

The Sower's Chapel is hosting four person golf scramble at Birdsfoot Golf Club in Freeport, PA on Saturday, September 2 at 2pm. The proceeds benefit the Freeport Meals on Wheels, the Cabot Food Bank, and "Nouvelle Eglise Chretienne de Cote d'Ivoire" in the Ivory Coast, West Africa. To register or donate go to www.sowerschapel.org/golf-scramble/.

Speakers for the 2018 Boynton Beach Retreat Announced!

Bob Brickman, chairman of the Boynton Beach Retreat, is pleased to announce the speakers for the 2018 Boynton Beach Retreat will be the Rt. Rev. Tom Kline, Chara Daum, and the Rev. Barry Halterman. Watch this space in the coming months for information about the subjects on which this vibrant panel of presenters will

speak. In the mean time, mark January 29 through February 1, 2018 on your calendars and plan to join us.

New Christian Bible Study

Have you ever wished that you could read the Word and the Writings side-by-side? Would you like to be able to look up the correspondence of words in the literal sense, as you read? Would you like to be able to see New Church commentary on the internal sense? You can do all that, and much more, on the New Christian Bible Study website. More than 100,000 people visited our website last month! This crowd is growing quickly. Bible readers and spiritual seekers are coming from all over the world. It's one of the most exciting projects in the church today. Check it out! Look us up at newchristianbiblestudy.org.

GNCS End-of-Year Celebration Recap

The biggest highlight of the GNCS end-of-year celebration on June 8 was a musical play called The Garden, by Tim O'Brien. Every student at GNCS, from Preschool through grade five, played a part onstage. Lenora the Ladybug, Willie the Worm, Special the Rose, Sylvie the Spider and Bennie the Bean Plant led a colorful cast of flowers, aphids and other garden creatures in a tale of inclusion and acceptance. The costumes and sets were beautiful, the singing was outstanding, and the audience applauded the children's efforts with a standing ovation! Congratulations to Jennifer Overeem, Bonny Scheer, Gina Shelton, Dan Woodard, Phil Parker and the entire team that created this wonderful opportunity for the GNCS students to shine.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Vera Junge and Ryan Haberman on their engagement. Roxanne and Mark Junge (from his hospital bed) hosted a lovely party to celebrate the happy news. A large tent filled a portion of Junge's backyard, tables and chairs were available in the yard as well as under the tent. Delicious food was served for dinner, toasts were offered and lots of friends and family were on hand to wish the couple well.



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Graduates from here and there and elsewhere; McKenna Smith, Academy Girls School; Christian Cole, Dean Herrera, MW Giannini and Tim Pennie, Glenbrook South High School; Valerie Caldwell, Loyola Academy; Deirdra Day, Buffalo Grove High School. Eighth grade graduates include Olivia Smith, McKayla Reuter, Grover Cole and Gabriel Cole. Annika Synnestvedt graduated with a pre-med degree from Marquette University. Congratulations to one and all and their proud families!

And away they went — Matt and Susan Smith and family went to Italy for a week of sun and sightseeing. They strolled around Venice and Cinque Terre, then visited Florence and the Amalfi Coast. Evidently the food was pretty good, too.

Dawn (Caldwell) Marsaglia was in the Park for a week (warm enough for you?!) to check up on her mom, Joyce Caldwell and left as “all was well”.

Sometime earlier in the era, Bobby Teel bowled his way to a bronze medal in the Special Olympics Sectional Bowling Tournament, torn hamstring and all! Keep up the good kegling.

Kent Fuller can now see what it is that he is cutting up with his chainsaw after a successful cataract removal.

The I-Kid-You-Not Department: Shortly after Easter, on national television, there was some live footage of a mother duck (I’m sure it was Ditsy from the Park—sure looked like her) comfortably ensconced on a nest full of plastic eggs. This gives a whole new meaning to the title “Make Way For Ducklings”.