

Glad Tidings

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A Reminder

A long time ago now, it seems (over five years, believe it or not), I sent my dossier to some guy by the name of Glenn Smith. I did so because he was the chair of a pastor nominating committee in a church I vaguely remembered named Glading Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Once I got here, I discovered that folks are pretty much folks, and Christians are pretty much Christians. By that I mean that folks *outside* The Beltway in Washington, DC are no different than those *inside*, and Christians outside face the same questions and challenges as those inside.

I found that Christians on the Oxford Circle have doubts and cares. I found that Christians here often feel hollow and disconnected. I found that Christians here are hungry to grow in their faith and want to know more about Jesus. More importantly, I found that they want to *know* Jesus better, not just know more *about* him!

And I found that Christians here, like Christians everywhere, are not always sure how to go about that.

When I was a kid, over my Grandpop Mann's study door was a sign. Every time he left that room he passed under it. Now, here was a man who was entirely committed to his walk in faith with Jesus, and yet I remember a dozen little things which he used to prompt himself to remember that it was his intent to walk with Jesus. It always impressed me that he thought he needed to be reminded, as if he were in danger of forgetting. I figured that if *he* needed reminding, surely *I* did!

Anyway, that sign served as a reminder to him. It said, "PRAYER CHANGES THINGS." In other words, he knew that if he didn't remind himself that he needed to talk to Jesus, he would gradually become disconnected. No sermon, no church program, would replace prayer in his life as he sought

to be friends with Jesus. He seemed to know that if you want to know someone and be friends with him or her, you have to talk to them. Regularly. Intimately. Candidly. Truthfully. Trustingly. On a first name basis. Like you would your best friend. Grandpop seemed to know that it took time, and practice and constancy and commitment.

Casual or intermittent prayer does not allow one to know Jesus any more than random contact between people establishes a deep friendship. It takes time. It takes intent. It requires a willingness to be open. And to listen. It does not require fancy words, or even words at all sometimes. It certainly requires no theological sophistication. The shortest prayer I know is a simple one: "HELP!"

We need to be reminded sometimes that this friendship is right at hand, and that we need only invest ourselves in it for it to come to pass and flourish. Be sure that Jesus has already invested himself in it. He is a talker. He is a listener. He is a good friend. And the way to go about it is prayer.

Believe me; prayer does change things. Take it from my Grandpop Mann.

Drew

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

2009

Ash Wednesday Worship & Breakfast
Wednesday, February 25, at 10:00 AM

Sunday, March 1, Communion Sunday

Palm Sunday, April 5, Communion Sunday

Maundy Thursday Service

Tenebrae and Communion Service

April 9 at 7:00 PM

Good Friday Worship, April 10, at Noon

(A one-hour service of the Crucifixion)

Easter Sunday Worship, April 12

LENTEN ADULT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
2009

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES

@ 9:45 am

“The WAY of the CROSS”

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

And

“The REALITIES of CRUCIFIXION”

April 5 @ 9:00 am (note special time)

WEEKDAY NOONTIME PROGRAM

“Talking Jesus in Today’s World”

Wednesday, March 11 & 25

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Robert Dott	3/1
Audrey Hopkins	3/2
Alicia Kiefer	3/3
Alvin Jarrett	3/5
Ceil Beer	3/15
Debra Reichart	4/16
Eddie Smith	4/24

Mabel Blynn	4/25
Ginny Murphy	4/27
Betty Thomas	4/28
Bill Murphy	5/5
James Gillingham	5/15
Betty Samsel	5/31

Happy Anniversary

Dan and Lydia Berger	4/4
Alvin and Evelyn Jarrett	4/19
John and Hattie Bauerle	6/7

If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in the *Glad Tidings* please pass the information on to Lydia Berger.



Those who passed on to the Church Triumphant in 2008 were: Elizabeth Eged, Chester Williams, Ernest Rehr, Irene Walton and Trine Dougherty.

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR THIS YEAR

SESSION

<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Mrs. Lydia Berger Ms. Ryan Mann Mr. Glenn S. Smith	Mrs. Doris Gillingham Mrs. Audrey Hopkins Mr. Zoltan Szabo, Jr.	Mr. Daniel L. Berger, II Mr. Martin Bockhorn (2) Mrs. Edith Smith

DEACONS

<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Mrs. Elizabeth Samsel Mrs. Clara Thompson	Mrs. Katherine Kohler Mr. John W. Bauerle (2)	Mrs. Ceil Beer Mrs. Ann Wood*

(2) indicates those ineligible for re-election

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mary Astley Mrs. Hattie Bauerle	Mr. Walter Dean Mr. Richard Greaves, Alternate	Mrs. Lois Wanushek
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TRUSTEES (of the Corporation)

Lydia Berger, President
Glenn S. Smith, Secretary
L. Daniel Berger II, Treasurer
Doris Gillingham, Assistant Treasurer
John W. Bauerle, Auditor

We wish to thank those who went off of Session (Dick Greaves, Bob Dott, Nick Kiefer, Ginny Murphy and Bill Murphy) and Deacons (Walter Dean, Mary Astley and Audrey Hopkins) for their service to the church and the community.

MONDAY FELLOWSHIP: Come out and visit us if you are lonely. We need people, our membership is getting low. We have fun. You bring a sandwich and we furnish the beverage, snacks and goodies. We celebrate birthdays with cake and ice cream. We do trips; we play Bingo after lunch for prizes. If you come early they play cards. Our hours are 11:30 AM to 2 PM. We meet downstairs in Reid Hall. Come in the back gate. We just ask for donations. We are a friendly group. We'll look for you.

Mary Astley, President

Glading Sunday School received a thank you from the Presbyterian Children's Village for the monetary contribution they made. The letter from Darlene Hewett, President and CEO, states, "As a caring congregation, your steadfast commitment to the mission of the Village is a beacon to others and an inspiration to all of us...We are proud to have the support of and encouraged by your commitment to help these vulnerable boys and girls. Please share our gratitude with your members for their help with our efforts to reach out to children and families in need." In addition, our Angel Tree Campaign was a big success this past Christmas. We collected over 60 gifts for the children at PCV. Way to go Glading!



REID HALL IS AVAILBALE TO RENT for functions of up to 120 people. The price is only \$75.00. There are the following restrictions: no smoking, no alcoholic beverages, and no use of our stove. You can keep your food warm by bringing your own Sterno. You can use our coffee urns. You can rearrange the tables and chairs and decorate to your heart's content, but everything must be put back in the place you found it before you leave. You are responsible for cleanup and trash removal. You must be ready to exit the building no later than 10 PM. We prefer to book only on Friday or Saturday. So far the people who have been renting the hall have not been from Glading. They have had children's birthday parties, baby and bridal showers. So think of Glading if you need a space for a large group. For more information contact Lydia Berger.

OPEN POEM
To Ryan Mann

You're one of God's angels sent from heaven above
 He sent you down to spread joy and love
 Whatever you do – seems just right –
 Like holding my hand on Christmas Eve night
 We're ages apart – but still good friends
 A bond like ours never ends
 I miss our giggling in Sunday School
 At times I' sure we were not that cool
 Bur God says it's okay – be merry and happy – enjoy each day
 I hope your dad feels the same way
 You're like our children, you really do care
 And sadly that sometimes is rare
 And so dear Ryan, I just want to say
 Keep up the good work – that's what I pray
 And may God bless and guide you on your way
 With love and appreciation,
 Ginny



Beauty Tips:

For attractive lips, speak words of kindness. For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people. For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry. For beautiful hair, let a child run his/her fingers through it once a day. For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone. People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed, and redeemed; never throw out anyone. Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you will find one at the end of each of your arms. As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands; one for helping yourself, and the other for helping others.



From the Editor

Well another year has gone by for me as President of the Trustees. We've had to deal with broken windows in the Christian Education building, the final touches on the fire alarm system, an iron gate that was torn off by its hinges, and another whose latch keeps breaking, still catching squirrels and still trying to keep License and Inspections satisfied that we're doing our best to comply with all their rules. Soon we'll have to negotiate with the School District of Philadelphia because the current contract for renting the CE building expires at the end of June. As usual, at the Annual Meeting I got brain freeze when I had to make the motion about electing the church officers. Apparently I'm not old enough to make a motion without jumbling it up! One of the high points has been that people keep calling to rent Reid Hall and it's working out nicely (check out the "For Rent" blurb for more details).

Many thanks go to volunteers Andy Rehr and Andy Jr., Marty Bockhorn and his son, and my husband for all the painting and repairs they do. Kudos to Mabel Blynn and Mary Astley as they continue to man the office on Monday and Friday respectively as well as making sure the sanctuary is set up properly each week.

Thanks to everyone who gives me items for the *Glad Tidings* and to those who contribute their empty ink cartridges to help defray our printing costs. The next issue of the *Glad Tidings* will be the summer issue and I will need your submissions no later than May 17th.

Now that the alarm system is fully functional, the congregation can expect a fire drill during the worship service when the weather gets warmer. I think that will be a first for Glading!



From Your Treasurer... Another challenging year for the Glading family. It is becoming increasingly difficult to meet expenses with the monies we receive on current contributions. In fact last year we had to use a large chunk of our endowment funds to pay our bills. I hate to be the doom and gloom guy but the facts must be told. As with many organizations, expenses are going up and monies coming in are not keeping up. Even the cost of bringing the *Glading Tidings* to you has increased from 2008 to 2009. The permit fee with the postmaster has increased 20 percent this year along with increase individual mailing fees. Paper was \$22 a case it is now over \$30 a case. We now spend \$30 a month on city required phone service to monitor the fire alarm systems to the church and CE building. This is in addition to the \$1,500 annual monitoring fee we are now required to pay. Since this is the coldest winter in five years I can tell you the gas bill is already \$3,000 ahead of last year and we are only two months into the year. I pray for global warming. We have a very challenging 2009 ahead of us.

I want to thank all our members and groups who have helped Glading this past year. I also want to especially thank some friends of Glading who have helped this past year. Special thanks go out to Dave, George, Bill in Bensalem, Bill in Texas, Marie and Pat.

Our little newsletter has paid off handsomely. Last time I mentioned we needed help with our gym lights. Nearly half the lights were out and our evening basketball groups were starting to complain about the shadows. We were rescued. Kathy Vogel said her husband Lynn had a lift that might help. What a neat little machine this turned out to be. I met Lynn one Saturday and he had the lift on the back of his small pickup. It was a one man operation all the way. He took it off the truck and rolled it under the lights. At the touch of a button he rose 20-25 feet and started to change our burned out bulbs. Being an electrician he even fixed a broken light switch. Lynn probably would have been finished in an hour but the basketball players were arriving and they were equally amazed at this neat machine. Nearly every light bulb was met with questions by a newly arrived player. It was a fun event. All I had to do was hand Lynn fourteen 300 watt bulbs and he did the rest. This is one phone number for the roll-a-dex. Thank you very much Lynn Vogel.

Well ladies, since none of you volunteered to paint the ladies room we got a volunteer from a man. Andy Rehr has started the job by putting an undercoat on the ceiling. Now, what manly colors would look good?

We are trying to solve a roof leak problem. When there is a heavy rain a wall just inside the sanctuary gets wet and a puddle forms near the pew. We had a roofer out. He put up his ladder and said he would get back with an estimate. We're still waiting. Since the lights in the gym got fixed through the *Glad Tidings*, maybe someone knows a relative who could lend a hand with the roof leak. I can usually meet anyone at anytime so give me a call if you know of anyone.

I want to remind everyone about the literature rack at the back of the church. There are many FREE items for the taking. It is also one of the places where we have the devotional *Upper Room* at the small price of 75 cents.

By now you should be down to a blue envelope for the Apportionment from your offering box. This year the apportionment is **\$20.46** per member. Please don't forget.

Every year I have a half dozen or so regulars that I give a yearly contribution detail. If you use your envelopes or mail your offering, my buddy Doris Gillingham tallies up the weekly offering. I put all the weeks together for a yearly detail. Give me a call if you would like a summary.



I cannot believe it is February already and Spring is just around the corner. I am starting my sixth month at Glading! When I sit next to Drew during worship, I no longer look out at a sea of strange faces; I look at people I call friends.

In December, the Sunday School class studied the Birth of Jesus including the visits of the Shepherds and the Wise Men. In January, we started a series of lessons on Jesus' life. Each lesson has an arts and crafts project associated with it that the children really like. We have taken a second field trip where we went roller skating. The children truly enjoyed themselves. I was sensible enough to sit on the sidelines and watch them. My roller skating days are over. I hope in February to take them bowling. I am about the world's worst bowler but I think the children and I will have a lot of fun.

I still plan to have the children sing for the congregation. They have learned a song and the hand motions that go with it from a Vacation Bible School music video. They will perform this for you in the service soon. I hope you will enjoy it!

Seminary classes started again this week. I have fewer classes this semester and I hope to spend more time visiting people in the congregation and learning more about this neighborhood.

I have learned so much from all of you in the time I have been with you. You truly know how to "be" church together. I consider it a privilege every week to lift up all your prayer concerns to God. In doing this I have learned how faithful you are to those you love and those who are in need of prayer. May God bless you and grant you His peace.

Christine

For all of you who are seniors - for all of you who know seniors - and for all of you who will be seniors. It pays to be able to laugh about it when you are!

And, speaking of senior moments:

'WHERE is my SUNDAY paper?' The irate customer calling the newspaper office loudly demanded, wanting to know where her Sunday edition was. 'Ma'am,' said the newspaper employee, 'today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until tomorrow, on Sunday.'

There was quite a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition, as she was heard to mutter, 'Well, shoot... so that's why no one was at church today!!!'



Hungarian Worship Community at Glading Memorial Church

Az egyházunk megemlékezik Március 1848 Magyar Szabadságharcra! Vasárnap, Március 15-edikén, d.u. kettő órakor (2 p.m.) Philadelphia-i Glading Memorial Church (Philadelphia-i Magyar Református Egyház) szép szentélyében. Magyar nyelvű Isten tiszteletünk keretében tartjuk az emléket mely együttes Magyar/Angol nyelvű szavalattal folytatódik. Utánna, könnyű étkezes uzsonna, barátkozás. Helyet foglalni nem kell, hozzuk család tagjainkat, szeretteinket, barátokat; mindenkit várunk; sütemény adományt megköszönünk!

We plan to hold a celebration to honor the anniversary of our 1848 Hungarian Independence, the beginning of a modern democratic Hungary. It will be held **March 15, 2009 at 2 p.m.** beginning with a special Commemoration Church service in the Glading Church Sanctuary followed by Hungarian and English language poetry and remembrances and then food and desert at the Glading Fellowship Hall afterwards. All are welcome; please bring family and friends for a beautiful afternoon of worship, remembrance, and friendship! Our English language brothers and sisters are also invited.

Az Ur Szent Asztala terítve vár minket minden Honap második Vasárnapján, d.u. kettő órakor (2 p.m.). **Aprilis 12 Husveti ünnep** a szentélyben, Magyar nyelvű Isten tiszteletünkben.

Boldog születésnapot, Kemenes Zsuzsá-nak. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Mrs. Kemenes! We wish you continued good health.

Boldog születésnapot, Aprilisban Nowakiszky Olgá-nak.

We pray for Mrs. Turcsany at the time of her loss. Imádkozzunk Turcsány családért.

Read on and you'll discover the joy in it! These have to be original and genuine. No adult is this creative!!

*JACK (age 3) was watching his Mom breast-feeding his new baby sister. After a while he asked: 'Mom why have you got two? Is one for hot and one for cold milk?'

*STEVEN (age 3) hugged and kissed his Mom good night. 'I love you so much that when you die I'm going to bury you outside my bedroom window.'

*BRITTANY (age 4) had an earache and wanted a pain killer. She tried in vain to take the lid off the bottle. Seeing her frustration, her Mom explained it was a child-proof cap and she'd have to open it for her. Eyes wide with wonder, the little girl asked: 'How does it know it's me?'

*SUSAN (age 4) was drinking juice when she got the hiccups. 'Please don't give me this juice again,' she said, 'It makes my teeth cough.'

*DJ (age 4) stepped onto the bathroom scale and asked: 'How much do I cost?'

*MARC (age 4) was engrossed in a young couple that were hugging and kissing in a restaurant. Without taking his eyes off them, he asked his dad: 'Why is he whispering in her mouth?'

*CLINTON (age 5) was in his bedroom looking worried. When his Mom asked what was troubling him, he replied, 'I don't know what'll happen with this bed when I get married. How will my wife fit in?'

*JAMES (age 4) was listening to a Bible story. His dad read: 'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city but his wife looked back and was turned to salt.' Concerned, James asked: 'What happened to the flea?'

*TAMMY (age 4) was with her mother when they met an elderly, rather wrinkled woman her Mom knew. Tammy looked at her for a while and then asked, 'Why doesn't your skin fit your face?'

*The Sermon I think this Mom will never forget..... this particular Sunday sermon...'Dear Lord,' the minister began, with arms extended toward heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face. 'Without you, we are but dust. ..' He would have continued but at that moment my very obedient daughter who was listening leaned over to me and asked quite audibly in her shrill little four year old girl voice, ' Mom , what is butt dust?'

Coffee filters...who knew! And you can buy 1,000 at the Dollar Tree for almost nothing.

COFFEE FILTERS: Not just for making coffee....

1. Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave. Coffee filters make excellent covers.
2. Clean windows and mirrors. Coffee filters are lint-free so they'll leave windows sparkling.
3. Protect China. Separate your good dishes by putting a coffee filter between each dish.
4. Filter broken cork from wine. If you break the cork when opening a wine bottle, filter the wine through a coffee filter.
5. Protect a cast-iron skillet. Place a coffee filter in the skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.
6. Apply shoe polish. Ball up a lint-free coffee filter.
7. Recycle frying oil. After frying, strain oil through a sieve lined with a coffee filter.
8. Weigh chopped foods. Place chopped ingredients in a coffee filter on a kitchen scale.
9. Hold tacos. Coffee filters make convenient wrappers for messy foods.
10. Stop the soil from leaking out of a plant pot. Line a plant pot with a coffee filter to prevent the soil from going through the drainage holes.
11. Prevent a Popsicle from dripping. Poke one or two holes as needed in a coffee filter.
12. Do you think we used expensive strips to wax eyebrows? Use strips of coffee filters.
13. Put a few in a plate and put your fried bacon, french fries, chicken fingers, etc on them. Soaks out all the grease.
14. Keep in the bathroom. They make great "razor nick fixers."

THIS IS WHAT REALLY HAPPENED ON THE HUDSON:

