

“They entered the house and saw the child in the arms of Mary, his mother. Overcome, they knelt and worshiped him. Then they opened their luggage and presented gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh.”

Matthew 2:11-13 The Message



We have all journeyed at times, carrying precious gifts tucked away in unique luggage, tote bags, travel bags, even old grocery sacks. Few of us have brought frankincense or myrrh. However unique the presents and packaging, giving gifts is a delightful experience.

In the church we have an added definition of the word gifts. The beauty of spiritual gifts being given to each believer and put to use is invigorating and life-giving. Mary Disterhaft, our Director of Dining and Catering Services, is celebrating her 35th year of service this month. God gave her the spiritual gift of hospitality and she has used this gift every day of her service at GLCC. She blesses each one of us with her humble, passionate way of making the dining room a ministry of its own. From the warm smile, to the seasonal beautiful decorations, to her well-trained food service family team, to her taking time to carry a baby while mom selects her food, Mary's Christ-like service shines.

As we enter our 75th season in 2019, we marvel at 74 years of God producing miracles on these sacred grounds. A place this big which serves churches, schools and non-profits should never be able to sustain, let alone deliver such excellence in its service, grounds, buildings and meals without charging Ritz-Carlton prices. God achieves miracles at GLCC using staff members, volunteers, donors, prayers and guests bringing unique gifts to use with servant hearts. From Caroline Jungwirth Overzet volunteering to serve children for 50 years, to a college-age staff member giving their first sermon, the team God brings together amazes us. The ministry of GLCC would be impossible without the generous unpacking of gifts each person who serves gives from the heart. Lives are ReCreated one "closer walk with God" at a time. Families, churches, communities and ministries are stronger because of experiences at Green Lake.

We have many needs as we prepare to celebrate our 75th anniversary in 2019. We have renovated many of our meeting spaces, lobbies, patios and recreation facilities. It is now the season to refresh our guest accommodations. The list goes from trimming trees to open up lake views, to window treatments, bedspreads, carpet and paint. We want to provide comfortable spaces for our guests to rest and reflect between hearing great speakers, making friends, playing on the grounds, and enjoying the excellent meals (and ice cream!) Mary's team serves. We also need scholarship funds to ensure that people can experience a "closer walk with God" who otherwise are not able to afford to do so.

In this blessing-filled season may we be overwhelmed by His presence, fall to our knees in worship, and generously present all of our gifts to Jesus for His kingdom purpose.

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What Can I Give Him?

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man I would do my part
Yet what can I give Him?
Give my heart.*

-Christina Rossetti, English poet (1830-1894)





What's your Green Lake Story?

We want to hear your Green Lake stories as we prepare to reminisce and celebrate our 75th anniversary Aug. 4-11, 2019!

You can play an integral part in the ongoing success and history of Green Lake by sharing your stories and keeping the memories alive. You are invited to fill out this form and send it with pictures (optional) to Jean Cornelius: JeanC@glcc.org or to Green Lake Conference Center, W2511 State Rd. 23, Green Lake, WI 54941. By submitting your story and pictures, you give Green Lake Conference Center permission to share them across multiple mediums including print, digital and social media.

What is your connection(s) to Green Lake Conference Center (i.e. guest, group leader, member of local community, current or former staff, volunteer, board member, etc.)?

What story do you have to share about an experience(s) you've had at Green Lake?

Because of your experience at Green Lake, have you had a Closer Walk with God and friends? How?

What do you like most about Green Lake?

Because of Green Lake . . .

Are you willing to be interviewed on video about your Green Lake experience? _____

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: (_____) _____