



The

Visitor

GROW, PLAY AND SERVE WITH HEARTS
FOR CHILDREN AND HANDS FOR SERVICE!

Dreaming with God Pastor's Column

Dear Friends,

Parker Palmer in his book, *A Hidden Wholeness*, writes on the paradoxes of human life this way: "the deeper our faith, the more doubt we must endure; the deeper our hope, the more prone we are to despair; the deeper our love, the more pain its loss will bring: these are a few paradoxes we must hold as human beings." We sometimes wish there was no pain in this world. When we love someone - a parent, a partner, or a child, we truly hope for an all happy life for them. Yet, as Palmer reminds us, love and pain are often held together in a paradox. It is when we acknowledge the paradoxes of life that we actually can understand and handle the pains of life better.

Lent is such a time of paradox. How could Jesus, the historical presence of God's love, suffer so much? As Paul stated, the cross was a stumbling block to Jews who wanted signs and foolishness to the Greeks to desired wisdom, but "God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength" (1 Corinthians 1:25).

Two thousand years have passed since Jesus' crucifixion, yet it is not any easier now than it was for early Christians to understand God's love in light of the cross. In our materialistic culture, there are many voices that tell us that the cross is simply foolish. If there was going to be eternal life anyway, why couldn't God skip the pain of the cross? Why the drama of passion? What was the purpose of the cross? What does it mean to carry our own cross? These questions are part and parcel of our faith in God.

It has been the long tradition of the church to set aside forty days leading up to Easter to immerse in the divine mystery of love, to share our questions of faith, and to live intentionally in the paradoxes of life. This month we enter into such a holy time of Lent. We will begin with Ash Wednesday on March 1 with imposition of ashes. Our Lenten programs include ***Lent 101 on March 5, Sermon Series on "Who Do You Say I Am?", Adult Forum on "Christian Faith and Interreligious Dialogue," and Holy Week programs.*** All our programs will help us to explore our questions together and guide us to live in the paradoxes of life with more peace and confidence.

It is my prayer that this Lent will be a time of growth in our relationship with God and with our loved ones. We do not fully understand why there is pain in life, but we know that in the midst of pain, God is with us.

May God bless you abundantly!

In Christ's Love

Pastor Hwa-Young

Member NEWS

Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

Pat and Gus Carlson	Shirlee Gervens
Emil & Diane Capitani	Jay Anderson
Sybil Anderson	Lynn Heniken
Shirley Howenstine	Elaine Rechel
Marlene Corbige	Scott Harr



In Memoriam

Dorothy Foote passed away Sunday, February 5, 2017 with her family by her side. Arrangements are pending. Dorothy had joined our church in February 1974 along with her husband Eric and their 4 children.

Mary Jean Montgomery passed away peacefully on February 21 at Belmont Village. A service in the GUMC Memorial Garden is planned for the spring.

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers. May God's love and grace comfort them.

Thank you: The Zabielski, Jaffe and Phillips Families want to sincerely thank you all for your love, care, cards and support during this difficult time during Anna Crum's illness and following her death. It was deeply appreciated by all of us.

MLK Day Participants - Thank you!! Thank You all who participated in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Day, January 16. Thirty-eight children and adults from GUMC participated in 15 different projects throughout the day. Over 180 people from multiple congregations participated! It was a great day of helping many persons in need. Thank you, thank you.

Congratulations to the winners of our Chili Cook Off Contest on January 29th.

Hottest - Steve and Wyatt Cummings
Best Overall – Curtis Corbige
Best Presentation – Barb Galarza
Most Unusual – Jan and Tom Hutchins
The runners up (and it was close) were:

Eileen Ribordy
Evan Mohr
Linda and Lindsay Kleckner
Dave Kleckner
Chris Ernst
Keri Williams
Dan Geiger
Greg and Beth Peterson and Family
DeBaker Family



Thank you all for your participation in this annual youth event. We were able to make \$1,100.00 on this one event thanks to you. That is enough for one van!!!

Summer Job: Camps Reynoldswood & Wesley Woods need Christian Summer Associates to fill the following paid positions: Counselors, Lifeguards, Waterfront Directors, Shift Cooks, Kitchen Assistants, and Maintenance Helpers. We need committed Christians to share their faith, encourage youth and staff, and build friendships. These are Summer JOBS, not vacations--candidates will be expected to work all summer long, including holidays--June 1 through August 16. Apply online: www.niccamp.org/employment/

GROW

Adult Forum: "Christian Faith and Interreligious Dialogue"

March 19, after worship, Parlor

Led by Pastor Hwa-Young

We live in an increasingly multi-religious world. It's very likely that our neighbors and friends include people who go to a Hindu temple, a mosque, or a synagogue. What does it mean to practice our Christian faith in the midst of many faith communities around us? What does it mean to believe in salvation in Christ and at the same time honor different paths of salvation in other religions? In this informative forum, Pastor Hwa-Young will guide us through the different traditions within Christianity in dialoguing with other religions and help us explore together what it means to engage in an interreligious dialogue today.

All Generational Lent 101: Bring your coffee and treat to the tables by the sound booth in the social hall during coffee fellowship March 5 for Lent 101. We will explain the basics of Lent and share in some art, discussion and maybe even a game! We will finish at 12:00 so please plan to stay whether you want to learn something new, share your own experience with others and/or make a new friend!

Lenten Sermon Series: *Who Do You Say I Am?*

Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" During Lent, our Sunday sermons will focus on the person and work of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of John, chapters 8 - 12. These stories tell us some of the central activities in Jesus ministry and show us Jesus as the Healer, the Forgiver, the Light, the Life-Giver, and the Good Shepherd. Jesus asks the same question to us today: Who do you say I am? Let us explore together and gain a greater insight on the meaning of Jesus today!

Soup and Learn: A Lenten Midweek Program **March 8 - April 5**

Come to share soup and learn more about our Christian traditions and ministry! Linda Kleckner has generously volunteered to provide soup, and we will have a different learning topic each week.

March 8: Sarane Siewerth, "Wesleyan Understanding of Grace" .

March 15: Dick Hoffmann, "The Meaning of Jesus' Crucifixion". Based on NT Wright's book *Let the Revolution Begin*

March 22: Sarane Siewerth, "C.S. Lewis: From Atheist to Believer". The second presentation will look into the life of writer and teacher C. S. Lewis, the author of *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and his journey from atheist to believer. The examination will also look at his reasoning that harmonized belief in God and scientific discovery.

March 29: JK Park, "The Kingdom of God"

April 5: Kay Harr "Card Ministry". This is a hands-on session in which we will make cards to be used for Card Ministry.

WORDS FROM WENDY!

Our GUMY “word of the month” is SORRY. It’s one of our family’s favorite board games, and usually we have a lot of fun with it and it doesn’t get too personal—ha! But in real life, sorry is hard to say. And hard to receive. And some of us spend a lot of time just wishing someone would say it to us! In the Bible, when Peter asks Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy times seven.” Wow. 49 times? Per person? That’s a lot of forgiveness, right? In the season of Lent, which is the 40 days leading up to Easter, we’re invited to dig deep into our hearts to hear how much God loves us and forgives us. And—to dig deep and forgive others. We’ll talk about this at youth group this month (and have some fun, too, of course!)

God’s Peace,
Pastor Wendy

Here’s the plan for GUMY in March:

March 5	GUMY Plans TBA! (we are working on a service opportunity!)
March 12	GUMY/Confirmation, 5:30-7:30
March 17	GUMY Spring Lock-In!!! 7 p.m. Friday until 9 a.m. on Saturday
March 19	ASP Safety/Construction Workshop (time tba)
March 26	NO GUMY (Spring Break)

High School Youth Mission Trip: Appalachia Service Project News!

We had a great kick-off to our ASP Fundraising season with the Annual Chili Cook-Off, held on January 31. YOU helped us raised \$1100 through your participation—thank you! Many thanks to all of our participants.



Children’s Christian Education News!

Sunday School: The month of March will find us looking at stories in the Bible about Jesus showing love. We will hear about the 10 lepers and Zacchaeus as well as how Jesus showed love at the Last Supper and in the garden of Gethsemane. What a wonderful way to begin this season of Lent by focusing on loving one another.

Confirmation Class: This month we will mix it up with a regular class on March 12 and a combined Confirmation/GUMY Lock-in Friday, March 17 at 7 p.m. Be prepared to stay until 9 a.m. Saturday and watch for details in your email!

Lib Nightingale Mission Grant Program

The Mission and Service committee is excited to introduce The Lib Nightingale Mission Grant Program. Lib was an active member of the Glenview United Methodist Church for 49 years. She enthusiastically served in many mission activities. When she dies, she entrusted some of her estate to the care of the Mission and Service Committee, where her support of missions could continue. We have created this grant to encourage new and powerful mission work, the service work so loved by Lib.



The Lib Nightingale Mission Grant Program has been established so that we may all share in Lib's vision to participate in the mission experience. Look around you and notice what is happening in your neighborhood, school, and work community. If you have been called to service by something in your church, community country or world then hopefully, a grant of financial aid will provide enough impetus for you to push ahead and make it happen.

If you are an active participant in the life of GUMC and motivated to make a difference, you may apply for the financial support you may need to help others. Please visit www.glenviewumc.org or the stop by the church office for an application and a listing of the specific requirements needed to apply for funding.

PLAY

North Shore Dance and Theater will present
Friday, March 10th at 7pm • Saturday, March 11th at 2pm & 7pm



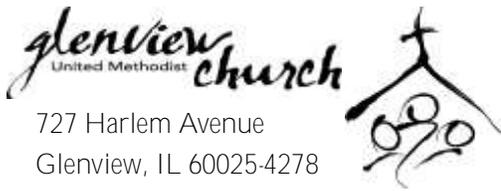
Sunday, March 12th at 2pm Tickets: Adults: \$11 - Children (12 & under): \$9 - Groups (12+): \$8 • To pre-order tickets, please call 435-222-2849 or visit www.tututix.com/northshoredanceandtheater. • **Shows are held at Glenview United Methodist Church**

Coins and Singles in the Offering Plate in March: We have been so blessed with our student pastors from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary for many years. The student internship is an important part of the seminary education, and we are privileged to be a teaching congregation. Each student pastor comes with a different set of gifts and skills, and it has been a blessing to share ministry. In March, our coins and singles giving will go to the Field Education scholarship fund at Garrett-Evangelical. This fund will help provide financial support to the students who are not paid by the churches. Let us give generously to this scholarship fund! If you are writing a check, you may make it payable to Glenview UMC and put "student pastor" in memo.

SERVE

Summer Adult Inter-faith Mission Trip

We are teaming up with the Interfaith Council to go to St. Louis to help with clean-up and repair of homes damaged in the 2015 flood. We leave Sun. July 30 after worship, and return Thurs. Aug. 3. If interested and for more details, contact Ethel Doyle 847-965-5417.



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WEDNESDAY

March 1

Lunchtime Imposition of Ashes: 12:15 pm

Evening Worship and Imposition of Ashes: 7:00 pm