



# The

# Visitor

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

## *Dreaming with God* Pastor's Column

Dear Friends,

This month marks the 500th anniversary of the protestant reformation. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther presented his 95 theses in Wittenberg, Germany, challenging the practices and authorities of the Catholic Church. Luther would not have known then, but his reforms would completely change the landscape of the Christian world thereafter. Luther's reformation quickly spread to other parts in Europe. Different forms of church revitalization were led by John Calvin in France and Switzerland, Huldreich Zwingli in Switzerland, and John Knox in Scotland. The Methodist reform emerged a couple of centuries later by the Wesley brothers in England. These reformation leaders drastically transformed church structures, theologies, and worship styles.

What were the distinctive aspects about the Wesleyan reforms? We will offer a three-week sermon series on the uniqueness of the Wesleyan ways, mainly focusing on worship: Communion in a Wesleyan Way on October 1 (World Communion Sunday), Baptism in a Wesleyan Way on October 8 (with Baptismal Renewal), and Singing in a Wesleyan Way (with Hymn Sing). In these three weeks, we will explore the influence of the protestant reformation in worship and the Wesleyan heritages we have received. Worship has always been at the heart of Christian life, and I trust that this series will help us to look deeply into our relationship with God.

October is also our stewardship month. We will hear witnesses from our church members on stewardship, receive more information on giving and serving opportunities, and reflect on all good gifts from God. Our stewardship drive will culminate on the Consecration Sunday on October 22. We will have Rev. Chris Walters, president of the United Methodist Foundation, as our guest speaker for worship, and then all are invited to join in the celebration luncheon. It is a day of celebrating our ministries and commitments together, and I look forward to it very much!

I am greatly thankful for God's guidance in our life together. Our new Associate Pastor, Eric, is settling in nicely. Our recent Spaghetti Dinner was so fun. All committees have started our work on this new program year. The confirmation class, led by Linda Duback, has started with 7 students. Our facilities are constantly making new improvements (please visit the newly renovated biblical garden, if you haven't done so yet). Over 20 people are participating in our weekly Bible study on Wednesday and Sunday. Later this month, the family ministry team will host our second annual Trunk or Treat in the parking lot. Our mission team is leading our church to Glenview/Northbrook Crop Walk on October 15. Our ministry is at its full swing. There's so much to give thanks to God!

As we engage in our ministry together, let us keep one another in prayers that we may be strengthened to share all that we are and give all we can to God and for God's kingdom on earth.

May you and your loved ones be richly blessed in God!  
Pastor Hannah Hwa-Young Chong

# Member News & Happenings!

## Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

Pat and Gus Carlson	Jay Anderson
Sybil Anderson	Peter Adams
Helen Wilson	Wanda Frye
Scott Harr	Burton Randle



**Congratulations** to Matthew and Kristy Furch, son of Jane and Greg Furch. They welcomed a son, Lucas Julius Furch, into the world on Thursday, August 31.

**It's a Girl!** Congratulations to Matt, Katie and big sister Savannah, Jones. Scarlett Jones was born on Thursday, September 7.

*May God bless these families with abundant love!*



**Creed's Campaign Luncheon:** (for Creed Ramos Kowski) You are Cordially Invited to join us for Creed's Campaign Luncheon. The Kowski family is hosting an event to help with the cost of his first Stem Cell Treatment coming up this November! **Please RSVP ASAP.** Your attendance will be greatly appreciated! The cost of the luncheon is \$25.00. Donations can be made during the event. If you have any questions, or to RSVP, please call Alice L. Ramos - 847-363-3112 or AJ Ramos Kowski - 847-962-7741. Thank you!

**Help wanted at the church on Saturdays and Sundays.** Light cleaning around campus and *Coffee Hour* set-up on Sunday. Call Michel Agropoulous at the church office for all the details.

The GUMC All-Church Conference will be held in the parlor on October 16 at 7:00. This is the conference that details what our church has accomplished this past year and where we plan to go in the upcoming year. This conference is important for all members of GUMC to attend. "It is *certainly my hope that this year's Church* Conferences will be well attended and filled with a spirit of celebration and joy." Rev. Dr. Zaki L. Zaki, Superintendent; Chicago Northwestern District

**Thank you to Carol Schmidt.** GUMC received a nice donation from the daughter of Fran Schmidt, a long-time member of this church. She wanted us to remember her mother, who passed away a year ago on September 15, 2016. Please remember Fran in your prayers.

**Visitation Ministry** - You Are needed to be a friend to someone who is unable to get out and about. New and current persons please join the *Friend's In Touch Visitation Ministry* team Sun. Nov. 5 at 11:15 a.m. in Room 12. You can be Christ's hands and feet to someone for as little as an hour a month. Pastor Hwa-Young and Intern pastor, JK Park will be joining us. Questions? Contact Norma Putman 847-498-1692 or Ethel Doyle 847-975-0361.

## CONSECRATION SUNDAY!

### SUNDAY OCTOBER 22, 2017: WORSHIP & LUNCHEON

# GROW

This is the day we gather to give thanks to God for all good God's gifts and celebrate us being the one church family! Our guest speaker is Rev. Chris Walters, President of the United Methodist Foundation. After worship, join the luncheon in the social hall. The planning team would appreciate knowing how many people are attending the luncheon. Please indicate your plan to attend the luncheon by calling the church office, fill out the response form in worship, or complete the online form in the weekly e-news.

**Moses" Bible Study:** Bible study is so fun! It's not too late to join "Moses" Bible Study. It is a great course to learn more about this important figure in Judaism and Christianity. We are meeting on Wednesdays 10-11 am. Please note that we added an option of viewing the video on Sunday morning 9:15 - 9:45 am, and then receive an audio commentary in your email box. If you want to receive the weekly audio, please send an email to [hychong@glenviewumc.org](mailto:hychong@glenviewumc.org).



# PLAY

**TRUNK OR TREAT BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!** The congregation is invited to the parking lot after worship October

29. Our trick or treaters will go from trunk to trunk letting you oh and ah over their costumes. This is a great way for all generations to mingle and have some fun together. We encourage all participants to decorate your trunk (and yourself!) for this Halloween event and provide treats to hand out to our Trunk or Treaters. Look for the designated area in the parking lot to participate. Kids, feel free to wear your costume to Sunday school. If it rains, we will hold it in the social hall.

**LIFE GOES ON: October 17 at 1:00 p.m.**

This group enjoys the fellowship of getting together at various restaurants. It provides an opportunity to meet and socialize with people and enjoy delicious food together in a great environment. Call the church office to RSVP and to find out October's restaurant of choice.

*Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. — Hebrews 13:2*

Would you be so kind as to sign up for a Sunday of Coffee Fellowship. Just bring in some nut free snacks and juice and place them on the table in the social hall on Sunday. Coffee is provided by the church. Your fellow church family members and guests will appreciate your hospitality. Sign up is in the social hall or you may call the church office for a list of available Sundays.

For after hours

## EMERGENCIES

At night or on the weekend, please contact  
 Pastor Hwa-Young via email at:  
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 Pastor Eric Reniva via email at:  
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# Children's Christian Education News!

Sunday School: We will spend the month meeting David and exploring his life from young shepherd to King of Israel. These stories children hear in the early Sunday school years are the ones upon which we base our spiritual growth as Christians.

Meet a teacher: Caryn (Fields) Granzow is one of our preschool/ kindergarten class teachers. She grew up in this church and has fond memories of Sunday school and youth group. She is married to Will Granzow and has two children, Ryan in kindergarten and Emma who is 15 months. Thank you, Caryn!



Trunk or Treat October 29: **It's back!** Due to the resounding success of last year's trunk or treat we are inviting everyone to join in the fun after worship by meeting in the parking lot. So, start thinking about those costumes for your children!

Parenting Program: You are invited to Northbrook UMC's program, Raising Respectful, Responsible and Resilient Children in a Privileged World, November 6, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the Northbrook Public Library. It is presented by Lauren Bondy, LCSW & Karen Jacobson, MA, LCPC, LMFT of Parenting Perspectives. Free sign up at [NORTHBROOKUMC.ORG/Happenings](http://NORTHBROOKUMC.ORG/Happenings) or 847-272-2442. Anyone interested in carpooling can call Linda Duback at 847.736.0385. I hope to see you there!

## GUMYouTh News from Pastor Eric!

October:

### Saturday:

Oct. 7th – Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg at 4:30-6:30pm

We will meet at the church, then make our way to FMSC in Schaumburg. Please meet at the church around 3:30pm. Please let me know if you will attend.

9 Spots left. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4baeac22a2fe3-oct>

Oct. 28th – Pen & Paper at 5:30 – 7pm.

We are going to play some table top gaming. We are starting an adventure in the Star Wars universe. If you have a dice set please bring them. I will have one spare set for use.

### Sundays:

Oct. 1st – Confirmation and GUMY at 5:30 -7:30pm

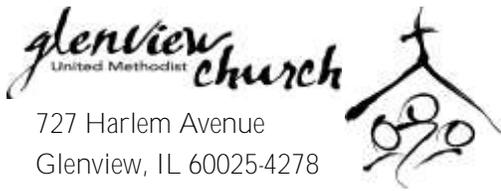
Oct. 8th – GUMY at 5:30 -7:30pm

Oct. 15th – Confirmation and GUMY at 5:30 -7:30pm

Oct. 22nd – GUMY at 5:30 -7:30pm

Oct. 29th – GUMY at 5:30 – 7:30pm (Fright Fest: Tentative)

Fright Fest is tentative for Oct. 29th. I would like to see how many Youth really want to attend. Fright Fest is not for everyone. We need 10 people and 2 more adults for this event to take off. We would leave after Trunk and Treat and be back by 9pm.



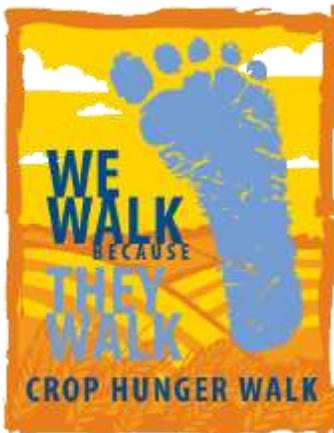
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**CROP WALK!! SAVE THE DATE!!** HELP END HUNGER - ONE STEP AT A TIME - Sunday, Oct. 15, 1:00 p.m. GLENBROOK CROP HUNGER WALK - Remember Jeannie Gans - this is her passion event, please participate by donating, securing donors, and/or walking. Stop by the registration table in the Social Hall on Sundays or send your donation to the church office, marked CROP Walk.

**Hosted by: St. Giles Episcopal Church, 3025 Walters Avenue,**

**Northbrook, IL.** Registration and light lunch at 12:30. Walk begins at 1:00 p.m. You can walk any distance up to 5k. All proceeds are used by Church World Service to provide food, medical care, disaster relief, and self-help development for people in need, locally and around the world. 25% of

the money raised by the Glenbrook Crop Hunger Walk will be distributed to local hunger-alleviating agencies, the Northfield and West Deerfield Township Food Pantries.

**Loose Coins & Singles for October** will be donated to - UMCOR - Disaster Response. So far this summer disasters have been plentiful. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Disaster Response coordinators and teams were at the ready when the floods hit northern Illinois, hurricanes hit islands in the Atlantic and most states along the golf coast, and when devastating fires blazed in nine western states. Your donation; coins, singles, or a check (memo to: UMCOR or MMDC), help quickly and tremendously for

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