



The

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

Dreaming with God Pastor's Column

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ~ Philippians 4:6

Dear Friends,

This month we are reminded that God is the Ultimate Giver of all gifts: family, friends, loved ones, vocation, faith, and our life itself. At Thanksgiving, we recognize that all that we are and all that we have are pure gifts from God. God calls us to be the faithful stewards of all gifts. Each day is an opportunity for us to tend, care, and nourish God-given gifts. Each day is made sacramental in God's spirit. I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving with all your loved ones!

It is our annual tradition in Glenview to gather as faith communities for an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. This year, it will be at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Glenview. As I work with the Glenview Clergy Association to plan for this service, I am so grateful once more for the spirit of collaboration and support present in the clergy leadership in Glenview. We are truly diverse – Muslim, Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Christian Science, Mormon, Lutheran, Methodist, and many more! There is a true spirit of respect among different faith communities. It will be a powerful service for all different traditions to gather to give thanks to God in one voice. I encourage you mark your calendar for this very meaningful service on Tuesday, November 21 at 7 p.m.

At our church, we just celebrated our Consecration Sunday with a lovely luncheon. I would like to thank all of you for your generous commitment to the church. Without the support from each and every one of you, we would not be able to offer the services we do. From worship to education, mission, outreach, and fellowship, we strive to follow Jesus' call to love God and love our neighbors. I deeply thank you for all your love and generosity for our church! I sometimes hear the question as to why we need to turn in the estimate of giving card. The answer is simple! Our annual budget is about \$525,000. To maintain this level of budget in a healthy way, we need to have an estimate of giving as accurately as possible. Without your giving estimates, the leadership team will have to guess the giving total for 2018, which may not be accurate. The estimate of giving card will be mailed to those who missed the Consecration Sunday.

I encourage all of you consider how your giving may reflect our thanksgiving to God. The Biblical principle is to give 10 percent back to God. This 10 percent back to God may be your gifts to the church, nonprofit organizations, various charities, or any other causes you value. 10 percent might seem high, but we are encouraged to think of it as a guideline not as an absolute rule. For instance, if you have been giving back to God 3 percent of your income so far, perhaps you may consider increase it to 4 percent next year and see how it goes. ***Continued on Page 3...***

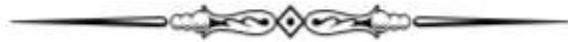
Member News & Happenings!

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



With profound regrets, we announce the passing of our dear member, Shirley Howenstine, who passed away Thursday evening, October 12, at Lutheran General Hospital. The Memorial Service was held at GUMC on Sunday, October 22. *Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers. May God's love and grace comfort them.*



Congratulations! Mike Gedmin and Becky Richter, daughter of Joanne and Andy Richter, were married on Oct 21, 2017, in the newlyweds' home town of Park City, Utah!

Congratulations to Kristy and Aaron Nabor and big sisters Emily and Lacy. Baby Maya was born October 9 at 3:40pm, 8lb 6oz.

GUMYouth will be selling SCRIP cards through November 12. This is the perfect time to buy gift cards for various stores, restaurants, etc. to give as gifts for the holidays. You purchase a gift card in a certain amount from a large list of vendors, and that store gives back to our youth a percentage of your gift. The order form is included in this newsletter. Orders are due NO LATER than November 12. Thank you for your support of our youth mission trip. SCRIP pick-up will begin November 19.

Stewardship Update: We want to thank all for your love and commitment to Glenview United Methodist Church! To maintain the same level of ministry and service, the finance committee has a goal of receiving \$350,000 in pledge giving. While we have much to catch up, we hope that we will be able to meet this goal. If you have not submitted your estimate of giving, would you please kindly do so soon? Any amount of pledge will be so greatly appreciated!

~ Sarane Siewerth (Stewardship Chair) &
Dick Hoffmann (Finance Chair)

We are nearing the end of our Year 2017. Your 2018 offering envelope boxes will be on a table in the hall outside of the choir room (in alphabetical order) beginning the first of December and until the end of that month. Since we do not mail the envelopes because of the cost, it helps if everyone could pick up theirs by the end of December. If you can't, we will have them in the church office after January 1, 2018. Also, please complete your pledge giving, dated by December 31, 2017 to be counted towards your 2017 giving. Thank you for your help on this.

~ Finance Committee

COMMUNITY DAYS SALE EVENT: Wednesday - Saturday, November 8-11. The Sanctuary Choir will be selling CARSONS COMMUNITY DAYS Coupon books. This is a great way to save on your "Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway?" gift. There are many items which will make lovely Christmas gifts.

www.glenviewumc.org! Have you seen our new website? It's filled with pictures and information about our church, our spiritual beliefs, education opportunities and current events.

Pastor's Column, Continued from Front Page... In my adult life, I have always given back to God more than 10 percent of my income. On the Consecration Sunday, I shared with you in worship that my giving in 2018 will be \$9,000 in total, with \$6,000 to be given to Glenview UMC for our annual pledge and \$3,000 to different organizations. To me, giving is simply part of living a life with God. Tithing has not always been easy for me, especially when I had two children in college. Yet, somehow God made it possible!

God gives and multiplies. All the gifts we have received are to be shared to expand God's love. Let us pray that God will multiply all our gifts beyond all our imagination in 2018! Abundant blessings for you and all your loved ones!

With Love and Peace,

Pastor Hwa-Young

Spaghetti Dinner Thank You!

Many thanks to all who helped with the Spaghetti Dinner in September. Janet and Chris Ferrone, Michel Agriopoulos, Augustine and Glenn, Don Brackey and Bobbi Costlow helped plan, set up, cook, serve, and clean before and after the dinner. It was a joy to work in the kitchen with Rose Ackerman, Helen Jo Ellis, Jan Jeffery, and Sherry Smith who helped for hours and hours with the cooking, serving and cleanup. Alisha Potter made gluten free pasta, and Kent Smith just took over all the dishwashing and maybe sang while he was doing it! (Don and Tom helped too but didn't sing.) How generous it was of all of you to do this for our church family. Thank you.

~Marianne Brackey

(Editor's note: Thank you Marianne for sharing your talent with us. As always, your cooking was delicious!)

Thanks to all GUMC folks who donated \$625.00 and for the 6 walkers in the Glenbrook CROP Hunger Walk, (GCHW) Sunday, Oct.15 hosted by St. Giles Episcopal Church, Northbrook. 16 faith communities and schools participated in the GCHW with about 50 walkers and taking in over \$5,000 plus online contributions. All monies haven't been reported yet. All proceeds are used by Church World Services to provide food, medical care,

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disaster relief, and self- help development for people in need, locally and around the world. 25%of the money raised by the

GCHW will be distributed to the Northfield and West Deerfield Township Food Pantries. Thank You!!!

~ Sheri Staten, GUMC CROP Walk Coordinator

A Poem from Wanda! I'm sending thanks to all of you who sent me cards and what a nice thing to do! Very soon I'll be back on my feet and being among you will be a treat!

~Wanda Frye

Many thanks to all the wonderful people of GUMC who continue to pray for our son Scott - who, a year ago, had a stroke. He survived 3 surgeries, works countless hours of PT and OT which he continues today. It has given him the ability to walk with and without a cane. He has his speech, memory, sense of humor. He wears prism glasses enabling him to see out of his left eye. The left arm is still paralyzed but we hope and continue to pray that someday soon Scott will get back all the feeling everywhere. Scott has improved immensely because of the many prayers of the members of GUMC and the support he has received from his family.

~ Kay Harr

GROW

All Saints Sunday: Sunday, November 5: All Saints Sunday is our church's community memorial day. During the service, we will remember our church members who entered Heaven in God since last year's All Saints Sunday and light a candle in memory of them. We will also have a time to remember all our loved ones who passed away. The Let us remember together!

Pulpit Exchange with Olivet! Sunday, November 26: Rev. Donald Wright and our friends from Olivet United Methodist Church will be coming to Glenview! Olivet and Glenview have maintained our sister relationship for many years. We are very excited that Rev. Wright will preach and children's choir will sing. Let us welcome our Olivet friends with joy!



A NEW 6-WEEK BIBLE STUDY: THE CREED: Wednesdays at 10 a.m. (beginning Nov. 8) Sundays at 9 a.m. (beginning Nov. 12) Room 11/12 in the Social Hall. The Moses Bible study was a hit! The participants really enjoy this curriculum by Rev. Adam

Hamilton, Lead Pastor at Church of the Resurrection United Methodist Church in Kansas. We will do another curriculum by Adam Hamilton. The Creed is a study of the Apostles Creed. We will go through the main points of the uniqueness of Christian faith. Wednesday and Sunday classes are identical. You may choose to come on Wednesday or Sunday, whichever fits your schedule better.

Glenview Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service: Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. St. Catherine Catholic Church, 3535 Thornwood Ave, Glenview. Join in this Thanksgiving tradition in Glenview! People of faith from different traditions and denominations will join together to give thanks. A joint interfaith choir will be led by St. Catherine's choral director. Glenview Clergy Association will lead the service. All are welcome!

Hanging of the Greens: Sunday, November 20, 11:30. Stay after worship to decorate a tree! It's time to ready our church for the birth of Jesus. We kick off the season with hanging greenery traditionally associated with everlasting life. Greens such as cedar for royalty, fir and pine boughs for everlasting life, holly symbolizing Jesus' death and ivy representing the resurrection are used. Please stay after worship and help beautify our building for the Christmas Season. Fun and laughter always go hand in hand with this event. There will be trees and decorations suitable for all aged hands to participate. A casual lunch will be served.

PLAY

Friday, November 17th, 7:00pm

Saturday,

November 18th 2:00 & 7:00pm

Sunday, November 19th 2:00pm All performances at GUMC



Good Timers Christmas Potluck Luncheon: December 1 at 1:00 p.m., parlor. Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome to join us for delicious food and joyous fellowship. Please call Flo Labbe to RSVP.



Welcome



Desiree Asakulu is the newest member to our maintenance staff. Desiree will be helping us by working some weekend hours to help stay on top of

our maintenance and set up for Sunday service. Desiree comes from the African nation of Congo which is French speaking. Michel Agriopoulos likes this opportunity to keep up his French. Desiree has been in the United States for over five years. He lives in Evanston with his wife and six children who keep them both pretty busy. Desiree was recommended by long time member Bob Rowlands. Desiree works full time during the week and will be helping us out on the weekends. We have already found him to be helpful and friendly. Please take the opportunity to introduce yourself during coffee hour or any other time and get to know him.

Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway? For the thirty-second consecutive year, our Advent season will be especially meaningful because of the opportunity to provide Christmas gifts for some of the many needy people Christ asked us to serve. This year's program begins on November 5, with our mission fair, following worship, in the social hall. Representatives from Bella Terra, Inspired Youth Tutoring Program, and Methodist Youth Services will be there to share the stories of their missions. At that time, you'll be able to sign-up to purchase gifts for any of the participants. These gifts will be collected no later than Sunday, December 3 before worship. Please remember all gifts must be new, unused, unopened items.

SAVE THE DATE!!! Mon., Jan. 15, 2018 - for Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Day - Service projects for all ages 5-105. Make it a Day On, Not a Day Off. A feel good day for all volunteers. Registration starts Dec. 31.

THANK YOU for your Coins and Singles and specified checks to designated Mission related projects for the 3rd. quarter. All agencies that receive the funds are most grateful and send their thanks and appreciation.

July - Refugee One, \$460.87

Aug. - Osvaldo Vena Band for Children - \$304.88

Sept. - Tree of Life Ministry, Pierre, So. Dakota \$222.68

Aug. & Sept. - UMCOR Disaster Relief - special collections for Hurricane Relief in Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida Georgia, So. Carolina, and Puerto Rico and forest fires in the Western states. \$1855.00. Coins & Singles will continue for UMCOR in October and December.

Calling all Bakers/Cooks : Please be generous and bake for the November 4th Bake sale taking place at our Craft Sale on that date.

Cookies & cookie bars, Muffins, Breads...Zucchini, date, pumpkin, banana etc. Cupcakes, Fruit pies (but no custard pies please ...this includes pumpkin) Snack mixes (like Chex mix) Reminder the must be labeled and packaged to sell in/covered with something transparent PLEASE!. Let us know if there are nuts in it. (We don't want to guess what you brought and we can't sell what buyers can't see.) All money earned goes to the church. Questions Call Bruce Siewerth, or Jane Furch

The Mitten Tree & Blankets Too: Nov. 19 to Jan 7 - Collecting new or gently used mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, coats, boots, and clothes for all ages. And bedding & blankets. Hang them on or put them under the tree in the Social Hall. (While the children's play is going on, put them in the bin outside the Social Hall.) The items will go to Olivet UMC.

SERVE

Children's Christian Education News!

Sunday School: The month of November finds us meeting King David's successor, his son Solomon. Join us as we find out more about that wise King Solomon. One of our families shared how they are using their 3rd graders Bible to read a story at night before bedtime as a meaningful and restful way to end the day. Think about how you can instill Bible reading into the life of your child! If you would like ideas, be sure to ask Linda Duback.

Meet a teacher: Peter Cummings is a preschool/kindergarten class teacher. He is married to Melanie and has four children, Trevor, Eden, Claire and Owen. Peter grew up in Cleveland, OH where his father served as Methodist pastor for over 30 years. He and his family have been attending Glenview UMC over the course of 8 years and he's been active serving as a Confirmation mentor, Sunday school teacher, and member of the Staff Parish Relations Committee. Peter's favorite things about teaching Sunday School include getting to know the children and their families and listening to the children reflect on bible stories. Thank you, Peter, for your ministry with children and our congregation!

Parenting Workshop: Monday, November 6. Parenting Perspectives will be presenting Raising Respectful, Responsible and Resilient Children in a Privileged World at Northbrook Library, 7 p.m – 8:30 p.m. This is sponsored by Northbrook UMC and open to the public. This fun and interactive workshop will help you clarify and deepen connections among family members, set limits that work and encourage meaningful family activities and traditions.

GUMYouTh News from Pastor Eric!

November:

Friday & Saturday:

3&4 – Wesley Woods Retreat for Confirmation/GUMY

Saturday:

18 – Social Justice Project w/Cosmopolitan UC, Out of The Box Ministry, and Glenview UMC.

Sundays:

5 - No GUMY (due to retreat)

12 - GUMY 5:30 - 7:30

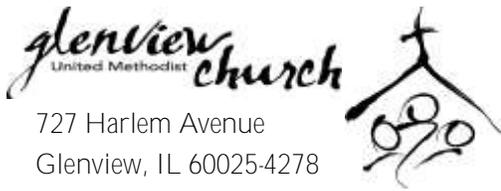
19 - Confirmation/GUMY 5:30-7:30

26 – No GUMY – Thanksgiving Weekend

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WOBBLE!
Happy Thanksgiving!



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Following the loving example of Jesus Christ, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person as a beloved child of God. We welcome into the life and ministry of Glenview United Methodist Church all persons of every age, ability, race, gender identity, ethnicity, nationality, marital status, sexual orientation, family configuration, or socioeconomic or employment status.

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Hand-Painted Notecards . Birdhouses . Cooking Tools . **Halloween Items**
Handmade Jewelry . **Music Boxes** . **Wire-Wrapped Tableware** . Cloth Pumpkins
Hand-Knitted Scarves . **Hand-Painted Doll Beds** . Three-Dimensional Cards
Hand-Made Scented Candles . Hair Ribbons & Bows . Wine Cork Trivets

And Much More!!

All Bake Sale items created fresh from Church Members kitchens!!

Available all day: Wanda's locally famous Donut Balls

Hot or Cold Box Lunch available

Admission: \$2