



# The

# Visitor

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

## *Dreaming with God* Pastor's Column

Dear Glenview UMC Church Family,

On the last Sunday of June I informed the congregation in worship that I'd be leaving Glenview UMC at the end of July. The news is exciting for me and my family: I've been appointed to Trinity UMC in Mt. Prospect, and I'm looking forward to being in full-time ministry and leadership once again. Many of you know that I've been in a part-time position here at GUMC, a role which has afforded me a wonderful balance of taking care of my family and being in the vocation I love. Over the past year I've been increasingly led to consider going back into full-time ministry, and my discernment and the ensuing conversations have led me to this big change!

In my office I have a picture of a banner that hung in the sanctuary of the church I served in Rogers Park (before that it was in the Wheaton UMC sanctuary); it reads: "The sign of God is that you will be led where you did not plan to go." I'll be honest—a part of me is scared to death of this next adventure. New people to get to know and build trust with, new community to navigate, and more! But—I have found that it is exactly at those vulnerable times that God steps in and the Spirit's power is poured out. I am praying for that this time around as well! Of course, I'm also excited about being able to live out my vocation in new ways, and having the opportunity to lead a congregation into the future God is preparing for them.

I will miss the good people of GUMC, of course. You have been a gift to me and my family, and we will be forever grateful. Three years ago Pastor Hwa-Young graciously welcomed me, Linda Duback and I have had a grand time working together with our youth and confirmation students, and the entire staff has been a joy to work with. Our youth and their families have opened their hearts and lives to me as we sought God's guidance and presence—I have learned so much from each one of them.

As a United Methodist Pastor, I've moved around quite a lot. From church to church, from home to home. Even though I move from this congregation, you will still be in my heart, and always in my prayers. I will no longer be your pastor, and therefore not available in the same way for counseling and weddings and funerals. But I hope you'll let me know how you are from time to time, and keep in touch. Our family's last Sunday in worship will be July 30; I look forward to preaching here at GUMC that morning, and sharing in conversation with you afterwards. I'm also very excited about Pastor Eric's arrival as my successor (see more info in this newsletter). He brings many gifts for youth ministry and will be an asset to our church's ministry staff. I hope you will welcome him and his family as graciously as you welcome me!

May God Bless You and Keep You,

*Pastor Wendy*

# Member News & Happenings!

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

Pat and Gus Carlson	Bill Murphy (Chicago)
Emil & Diane Capitani	Scott Harr
Sybil Anderson	Orpha Laurie
Jay Anderson	



**Welcome to our family of faith:** On June 4, we welcomed Emma Elizabeth Granzow into our family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Emma is the daughter of Will and Caryn Granzow and granddaughter of Holly Field and Mitsy and Gary Granzow.

**Memorial Service Announced:** Janet Schnell passed away October 29, 2016. A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 21 at 1:30 in the Sanctuary.

**Congratulations!** David Heetland received the Eliza Garrett Award for Surpassing Capital Campaign Goal. David is the Vice President for Development at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. He was honored with the Eliza Garrett Distinguished Service Award for the successful completion of the *Forging Our Future* capital campaign, raising over \$100 million for scholarship, faculty, program, and unrestricted support. President Lallene J. Rector presented David with the award at the Board of Trustees meeting on May 11, 2017.

**Thank You!** I so appreciate all the get-well wishes, cards, phone calls, visits and meals delivered during my surgery rehab. Thank you for your prayers that gave me the strength to get through the day. I miss my church family and am looking forward to seeing you soon. Blessings and love,

Rose Ackerman

**SAYING GOODBYE IS BITTERSWEET!** Pastor Wendy's last Sunday with us will be Sunday, July 30th. Please join us for worship on that Sunday and stay for the cake and coffee afterwards and to say your goodbyes and well wishes to Pastor Wendy and her husband Steve, and children Lucy, Nick and Helen. If you'd like to contribute to a "love offering" for Pastor Wendy, please send your gift to the church office with "love offering" on the memo line before July 30th.

**Congratulations** to Lauren Schroeder and Eric Gersten. They were married on June 24, 2017. Lauren is the daughter of Leslie and Tom Schroeder. May God bless this family with abundant love.

## RAVINIA

Join us for some Ravinia Fellowship! Purchase your tickets and join us for any/all of the following concerts:

**Tuesday, July 25th** - Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto - Pianist Nikolai Lugansky - Lawn Tickets \$10. Park opens at 5:00 p.m. Show starts at 8:00 p.m.

**Sunday, August 6th** - Sir James Galway and Lady Jeanne Galway - flutes performing Mancini & Moon River plus hits from Pink Panther, Days of Wine and Roses plus much more. Lawn Tickets \$10. Park opens at 3 p.m. Show starts at 5 p.m.

**Sunday, August 13th** - Tribute to the Gershwins - 5 p.m. AND Hamilton sensation, Leslie Odom, Jr. at 8:30 p.m. Lawn Tickets are \$20 and gets lawn seating to both shows. Park opens at 3 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and join us!

Questions? Call Linda Kleckner at 847-487-7283

**Meet the confirmands:** The following youth were confirmed May 21 after attending two years of class. Enjoy getting to know a little more about them and continue to hold them in prayer as they continue their spiritual journeys.

**Nate Meyer:** Hello my name is Nate Meyer and I have just been confirmed into the church on May 21! I am graduating from Springman middle school and will be attending Glenbrook South High School in the fall. Like my brother before me, I will play in the bands but as a trombone player not a trumpet player. I am also interested in broadcast journalism so I will begin taking those courses in high school too. Confirmation has solidified my relationship with the church and I will see you on Sundays!



**Jacob Risely:** I am graduating 8th grade from Jeanine Schultz School in Park Ridge and will be attending High School at Maine South Frost Academy. I like basketball, music and going to Buffalo Wild Wings with my friends. My favorite confirmation experience was hanging out with the GUMY kids.

## Appalachia Service Project 2017!!!

With many thanks for our generous supporters—both financially and prayerfully—our ASP 2017 team is off to Rainelle, WV, July 8-16. We are taking some extra time on the way back, staying overnight at Meridian Street UMC (Steve Conger's church!) and will arrive home mid-day on Sunday, July 16. We hope you'll join us for worship on July 2, when we commission our ASP team, and on July 23, when we share in worship (and afterwards) about our experience. Please pray for our team, which includes the following youth and adults:



**Group Leaders:** Sue Acer, Chris Ernst, Wendy Hardin Hermann, Linda Kleckner, Lindsay Kleckner, Bill Murphy, Ed Porrett, Chuck Potter

**Youth and College Students:** Grace Murphy, Walter Meyer, Alex Ferrone, Jack Murphy, Emerine Cummings, Maddie Peterson, Spencer Peterson, Kayt Ribordy, Nick Depies, Shelby Green, Elena Gonyo, Haley Ferrone, Lucy Hermann, Wyatt Cummings, John Potter, Michael Potter, Nate Meyer

Ways for Kids to GROW

# WORDS FROM WENDY!

July will be a time of transition, as we say goodbye to Pastor Wendy and prepare to welcome our new Associate Pastor, Pastor Eric. Please plan to join Pastor Wendy for her final GUMY on Sunday night, July 23, 5:30-7:30. We'll play some games, have some good food, and do some sharing and praying.

## Children's Christian Education News!

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**Summer Sunday School:** Our one room summer Sunday school grades preschool – rising 5th graders is in full swing. We have been working in the garden and learning what it takes to be one of God's heroes. Sunday school will continue all summer except for July 2. Worship will be family friendly that day and there will be worship bags available.

**Spirit Saturday:** Calling all preschool – rising 5th graders! Show your spirit and join in on Saturday, July 15 from 9:15 – 11:30 for some fun and service projects. We will be helping organize the school supplies being collected for Olivet UMC and Refugee One. Encourage everyone one you know to donate things on the list found in this Visitor.



**Theater Bible School Summer Camp:** Have you signed up for camp yet? You won't want to miss the collaboration between North Shore Dance and Theater and GUMC as we offer a one week camp August 14 – August 18. Session 5A meets from 9am-12pm for Grades K-5th, session 5B meets from 1pm-

4pm for Grades K-5th and session 5C is a Counselor in Training Program for Grades 6th – 10th that meets from 9am-4pm.

**The Community Garden** at GUMC provides produce for the local food pantries. Helpers to weed and water are always appreciated. Contact Mark Netherland to discuss current punch list items. 847-998-1276



### **From the Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee..**

Although Wendy's new appointment is bittersweet for our congregation, the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) has some exciting news. The SPRC, along with other church leaders, believe it's vital to continue to have an associate pastor who will have primary responsibility for youth ministry as well as support worship leading and pastoral care. I'm pleased to announce that the Staff Parish Relations Committee has accepted Eric Reniva to serve as our new Associate Pastor.

Pastor Eric comes to us from United Methodist Church of Geneva where he served as Youth Director for the past six years. Prior to Geneva, Eric was actively involved in creating youth programs at his home church, St John's United Methodist. His resume for youth programming includes leading youth worship services, directing praise bands, and creating activities that incorporate creative arts. Eric was approved to be licensed as a Local Pastor this past Spring and will be graduating from Garret Seminary this October. Both Pastor Hwa-Young and the SPRC members have met with Pastor Eric and it was quickly apparent that he has a passion for youth ministry and is eager to begin his calling as a Methodist Pastor. We all felt that Pastor Eric would be a great addition to our church staff and family.

Eric will be joining Glenview United Methodist along with his wife and two-year old daughter starting August 1st. He will serve Glenview in a half-time capacity in addition to serving as associate pastor at another Methodist church within our district. I'm truly excited for all of you to be introduced to Eric and his family within the next coming months.

**THANK YOU!** Missions & Service Ministries thanks you for your generous contributions of time and donations past, present and continuing.

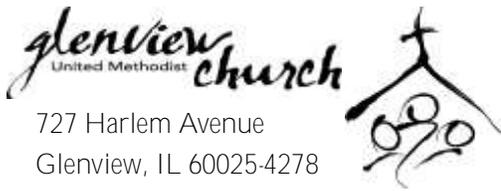
- Coins & Singles for: April- GUMY ASP Trip - \$426.79; May- Bishop's Appeal, UM Global AIDS Fund \$235.04,
- Made lunches for two days in June for Youth Services summer camp children.
- Donations to Midwest Mission Distribution Center - for dignity kits, 67 razors, 12 nail clippers. We also delivered misc. needed supplies: tooth paste, tooth brushes, and 7 five gal. cleaning buckets with lids.
- Food donations for the local food pantries, Northfield and Maine Townships, delivered monthly.
- Preparing and serving nutritious meals for the homeless six times each year at Marquart Center, Chicago
- Community Garden "God's Garden" for planting, weeding, watering and continuing care. Stop by anytime to pull a weed or two. :) All harvested produce will go to the food pantries.



**Adult & Older Teens Mission Trip to St. Louis** - July 30 -Aug. 3: An interfaith mission trip to greater St. Louis area to help with rebuilding homes damaged by flooding. All interested in serving need to register and pay by July 15. For more information go to: [lsgoodshepherd.com](http://lsgoodshepherd.com), click Mission Trip or contact Ethel Doyle, 847-965-5417.

**Loose Coins and Singles for the month of July:** will be donated to Refugee One. After fleeing war, terror, and persecution in their homelands, refugees arrive in the U.S. with hope for a new beginning. Refugee One supports those individuals and families, helping them adapt to life in Chicago and work towards self-sufficiency.

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# School Supplies Collection

## Here's how you can help!

SCHOOL - AGAIN!! ALREADY!!! CPS Start Sept. 5, 2017

We're again **collecting school supplies for Olivet UMC's neighborhood children on Chicago's west side and will share some with Refugee One.** While doing your normal shopping, pick up some of the following and put in the collection bins by the Social Hall or the Church Office until Aug. 13. Whatever you donate is most appreciated.

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| • Pencils                    | • Scissors              | • Wide-ruled notebook paper               |
| • Pocket folders             | • Ruler                 | • Additional folders                      |
| • Spiral Notebook Wide Ruled | • Kleenex, paper towels | • Dictionary                              |
| • Crayons                    | • Pocket folders        | • Calculator                              |
| • Washable markers           | • Watercolor paints     | • Assignment notebook                     |
| • Pencil-top erasers         | • Sketchpads            | • Back packs - new or gently used & clean |
| • Supply box                 | • Colored pencils       |   |
| • Glue sticks                | • Notebooks             |   |

