



The

Visitor

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

Dreaming with God Pastor's Column

Dear Friends,

Life is full of changes! Last month, I received the news that I will be appointed to Community United Methodist Church in Naperville as their Senior Pastor beginning July 1. Soon after that, Dr. Zaki, our district superintendent, was able to introduce our new Senior Pastor, Rev. Eun-Hye Choi. Please see the details of the nice article of Rev. Choi that Peter Cummings, the chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee wrote in this newsletter. I've known Rev. Choi for many years, and can tell you she is one of most effective pastors in our conference. I am fully convinced that this transition will truly be a blessing for both Rev. Choi and our congregation! I am holding Rev. Choi, her family, all of you, and all the congregations involved in this critical time of transition.

This new appointment was a surprise for me, but I know that God always has a better plan for us. I trust that God goes before us, and leads us with a vision that's greater than what we can ever imagine. God has blessed us with love and community in these past seven years I've been with you. As I stated before, those have been one of the happiest and best times of my life. Thanks to all of you, my daughters grew so grounded in God's unconditional love, had wonderful teenage years, and found their life's passion. They both are very well situated in life now, which for me has been one of the greatest gifts from my years in Glenview. I will soon have a huge change in my personal life as well. To be married for the second time is a bit scary for me, but mostly I feel so abundantly blessed. I want to thank you so much for all your support and love you have shown to me and Tom. While I feel so sad about leaving Glenview UMC, I am deeply grateful for our ministry together. I honestly cannot imagine any better community I could have served these past seven years. God has been truly good to us, and I know that God will continue to guide us.

The season of Lent offers us special opportunities of reflection and worship. Our Lay Leader, Joanne Richter, along with other prayer leaders, will lead a new form of prayer, body prayer, for five weeks during Lent. Before worship begins, we are invited to enter into a time of body prayer to prepare our body, heart, and soul. What a great way of begin our Lenten worship! Our Lenten worship theme "Via Dolorosa" invites us to walk with Jesus all the way to the cross. As a symbolic act of journeying with Jesus all the way to the complete darkness of crucifixion, we will extinguish a Lenten candle during worship. We are invited to learning opportunities through Soup and Learn and Bible Study. During the Holy Week, we will offer special Holy Thursday and Good Friday services. Through all our worship and study, I pray that we will dwell deeper in God's Spirit.

In the midst of many changes, we proclaim, "God is good!" We often focus too much on our own lives that we end up missing seeing God's presence with us. A time of change is perhaps an opportunity for us to sense the intimate presence of our loving God. May this Lent be a time for you to find God all over again.

With Deep Peace and Love,

Pastor Hwa-Young

Member News & Happenings!

Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

Scott Harr	Elsie Westman
Peter Adams	Sarane Siewerth
Sybil Anderson	Jim Weinstein
Jay Anderson	David Slaght



In Memoriam

With profound regrets, we announce
the passing of our dear members and friends:

Virginia Strandell passed away on January 23, 2018. A small service will be held here at GUMC in the future.

Pat Carlson passed away Monday, February 19. The services were held on February 26, in Des Plaines.

Anthony Franchi, Alisha Potter's father, passed away on Monday, January 29 in Park Ridge.

Galen Hosler long time member of this church, passed away on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, 2017.

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

New Address for Marie and Dick Hoffman:
1536 Primrose Lane, Glenview, IL 60026

Congratulations! Leo Matthew Holzhuetter was baptized on February 4, 2018. His parents Matthew and Korey, big brother Parker, and sponsors, Kerri Setz and Howard Labkon were by his side.

Campbell Soup Labels for Education program no longer exists as of July 1, 2017. Thank you to all who have cut and saved these for our schools over the years.



Chili Cook Off Results! A whopping \$525 earned for the youth mission trip! Thank you!

Hawaiian Chili - Nate Meyer and family
- WINNER - Best Overall
Dave Kleckner - WINNER - Most Original

Evan Mohr - WINNER - Best Presentation
Pastor Hannah Hwa Young and Tom Smith - WINNER
- Hottest Chili

Other brilliant chefs include:

Eileen and Kate Ribordy, Randy Johnson, Linda Kleckner, Sharon Gernady, Chris Ernst, Barb Galarza, Dan Geiger, Peg Macaluso and Elena Gonyo, Greg and Spencer Peterson, Beth and Maddie Peterson, the DeBaker Family

Dear Friends, *Words are not sufficient to express my appreciation for all the cards and calls I received after my spinal surgery. Every one of the uplifting quotes, funny jokes, and kind wishes for my speedy recovery really raised my spirits. While the actual surgery was more extensive than initially thought, and recovery is taking longer than I anticipated, all was successful, and even with the soreness from the surgery I am more pain free than I have been in over a year. A thousand thanks to everyone.*

~Sarane Siewerth

Member News & Happenings Continued!



Rummage Sale! April 13 and 14. Holidays are over and as you put your decorations away, are there some that just don't mean as much as they used to? (Put it in the "sale" box). Did you get

that "not quite right" gift for the holidays? (Put it in the "sale" box). Spring cleaning yet? Finding things you really don't want or need any more? (Put it in the "sale" box). Start your "sale" box now!

Thanks! *I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls, cards and visits during my surgical recovery. I am very thankful to have a caring church.*

~David Slaght

Looking for a Room: Our Student Pastor JinKyung Park is looking for a room to rent for 5 months from the end of March to August. She says, "I am quiet, clean, and pet-friendly." If you have an extra room in your house, would you please consider having her with you? If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor JK at luvjink@gmail.com or call the church office to get her phone number. Thank you very much!



Lenten Soup and Learn - Back by Popular Demand

Two Thursdays at 6 p.m. "The Bible Land and History"

Thursday, March 1: The Bible Land and History -- Old Testament

Thursday, March 15: The Bible

Land and History – New Testament

Have you ever wondered why there were two kingdoms in Ancient Israel? Or who were the Samaritans and why the Jews and Samaritans did not get along? In March, we will have two sessions of Soup and Learn on the Bible Land and History. Please come to enjoy simple soup and learn more about the important locations and events in the Bible. This overview class will help you have a comprehensive view of the events and places in the Bible, and bring light to some of famous stories in the Bible! We just need to know how many people may come to prepare for the food. So please contact the church office or sign up at the church! The sessions will be led by Pastor Hwa-Young and Pastor JK.

GROW

LIFE GOES ON March 20. This group of singles enjoy the fellowship of getting together monthly at various restaurants suggested by the group. All widows, widowers and singles are welcome to join. Call for upcoming restaurant information.

Special Pre-Worship on Sundays in Lent

You'll be greeted with creative expression of prayer in the sanctuary as we gather and settle in for the worship service. I (we) offer these movements and postures as reflections for prayer in life and faith in God. Peace be with you.

Joanne Richter

in the know

The Endowment Committee of GUMC is very happy to announce that the Wert family has agreed to donate the funds in Bernita Wert's memory to the church choir budget. Bernita was a lover of music who taught piano lessons and also directed our youth choir for many years. Our music budget had to be reduced for Tom Tobin this year, so it seems like perfect timing. This donation that has grown to almost \$5,000 is a very generous and welcome gift!

GLENVIEW UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Special Event

HER HAMILTON

As Told by his Wife, Eliza



Presented by:
Lynn Rymarz
March 17
11:00a.m. Brunch

Come hear the true story of one of our Founding Fathers of our nation, Alexander Hamilton. Hear it from his wife, Eliza's point of view as she tells of his early beginnings in the West Indies, and the road that took him to America. Find out the role he played in the Revolutionary War, and the part he played in the new America. She will share the story of their love, their marriage and family, his betrayal and his death in a duel, and the courage and strength she needed to go on with her life after he died.

Glenview United Methodist Church
727 Harlem Avenue

Tickets now available.

\$15 in advance
\$18 at the door
847.729.1015

...or visit

www.glenviewumc.org
to purchase tickets online



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Loose Coin and Singles for the month of March will be donated the Heifer Project International. HPI is a worldwide self-held organization that provides livestock and other animals, as well as agricultural services to more than 84 countries. Each recipient of an animal agrees to give the first female offspring to someone else in need.

Night Ministry Brown Bag Meals. Our GUMC family is providing 150 sack dinners for the Night Ministry the evening of March 4. First, we need you to sign up to donate food/items for the meals.

Second, we need you the stay after worship in the parlor to help in the assembly line filling those sack suppers! This is a perfect all-age activity where we can share God's love and do good together.

To find out what to donate go to: www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4fadaf2ca5fe3-brown

Or contact Linda Duback. Non- perishable items can be brought to church and left in the kitchen marked "Night Ministry" anytime with all donations left no later than 10AM March 4.

SERVE

New Appointment Announcement



(The following is the announcement Peter Cummings, chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee, made during our worship on February 18, 2018):

After the announcement regarding Rev. Hwa-Young's new appointment to Community United Methodist Church in Naperville, the Staff Parish Relations Committee continued our conversations with District Superintendent Rev. Zaki about a profile for Glenview's next Senior Pastor. Rev. Zaki shared our profile with the Northern Illinois Conference Cabinet and Bishop Sally Dyck. The Cabinet and Bishop proceeded to appoint a new Senior Pastor for Glenview who was subsequently presented to the Staff Parish Relations Committee this past Thursday. After an opportunity to interview the potential appointee, the Staff Parish Relations Committee unanimously decided to welcome our new Senior Pastor, Rev. Eun-Hye Choi.

Rev. Eun-Hye comes to Glenview after serving as Senior Pastor of Plainfield UMC for the past seven years. As lead pastor of the 600-member Plainfield congregation, Eun-Hye is responsible for planning worship and sermon series, birthing and raising the vision, taking care of the congregation, and guiding value and priorities of the life of the church. She has a Master of Christian Education and Master of Divinity degrees from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. She also has a Doctor of Ministry from Claremont School of Theology in California. She was ordained as a deacon in the Northern Illinois Conference in 1998 and as an elder in 2000. In addition to Plainfield UMC, her prior appointments include First UMC of Palatine, FUMC of West Dundee, and Morgan Park UMC.

Rev. Eun-Hye is married to Rev. Chris Walters, who is the president of the United Methodist Foundation of the Northern Illinois Conference, Inc. Coincidentally, many of you had a chance to meet Chris last October when he preached at Glenview as a guest minister. Eun-Hye and Chris have a 12-year-old son, Tim, who is currently in the 7th grade. We look forward to welcoming Eun-Hye and her family on July 1st.

After meeting with Eun-Hye and her husband, the SPRC believes this appointment will help our church continue to move forward upon the positive trajectory that Rev. Hwa-Young established during her tenure here. I'd like to thank members of the SPRC, Joann Minear, Becky Houdek, Judy Keenan, Sharon Gernady, Sue Krcik, Mark Rowlands, Joanne Richter, Curt Corbige, and Don Brackey for representing our larger congregation during this appointment process.

Lent for Children and Families!

In Sunday School we will be spending the month of March with Jesus as he makes his way back to Jerusalem ending with his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. These stories help our children understand some of the most important events in the life of Christ and prepare the way for an understanding of the Resurrection. The concepts behind Good Friday and Easter can be hard for children to grasp. These particular stories pave the way for growing in an understanding of these events.

Join us this Lent and Easter with our family friendly activities:

- March 4: We will pack sack lunches for the Night Ministry right after worship. We will work in an assembly line style in the social hall. All ages welcome! The Night Ministry provides housing, health care and food for homeless adults and youth.
- March 22: Join the Soup and Learn program at 6:00 p.m. for a bowl of soup followed by making greeting cards for veterans. Children accompanied by a parent welcome!
- March 25: Meet in the parlor at 9:50 to prepare for the Procession of the Palms. Children will reenact preparing the way for Jesus by starting worship with a procession of palms.
- March 25: Stay after worship for our Egg Hunt. Bring your own basket. Children will be grouped to look for eggs in different areas of the church grounds or rooms if rainy. Eggs are turned in for a goody bag at the end.

Children's Christian Education News!

Sunday School: We end this month's stories of Jesus' miracles with the story of Jairus's daughter. We have seen Jesus revealing himself to the world in these miracles. This would be a good time to talk with your child about what is a miracle and how God might be working miracles in the world today.

Confirmation Class Update: We will meet March 4 and March 18 and look at what Methodists believe about sacraments (how many do we have?!) and the general rules of John Wesley.

Confirmands will eventually be putting what we have covered in our classes into their own worlds describing what they believe.

from Pastor Eric!

March 2018 Sunday Schedule:

Sundays

March 4: GUMY/Confirmation at 5:30-7: 30 pm

March 11: GUMY at 5:30-7: 30 pm GUMY Outing at Sky High Sports in Niles nil.skyhighsports.com

March 18- GUMY/Confirmation at 5:30-7: 30 pm, ASP Training:2-4pm

March 25- NO GUMY

PLAY

The Church Bowling League Needs YOU! We are looking for a couple of folks to join our league for the rest of the season (some had to drop out due to medical reasons). We bowl on the First Saturday of the month, March 3, April 7 and May 5 (last night), at 6:30 p.m. at Classic Bowl on Waukegan Road in Morton Grove. We are a handicap league so all adult bowlers are welcome. Please call the church office if you'd to help us out, 847-729-1015.

GREETING CARDS FOR VETERANS

Thursday, March 22

6:00 p.m.

Join in the all age event for a card making party.

Begin with a bowl of soup, stay for some crafty fellowship.

Contact Kay Harr for more information.





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"The Via Dolorosa" means the way of sorrow or the way of grief in Latin. It is the actual path in Jerusalem marking Jesus' journey to the cross. May we encounter Jesus in a new way as we walk the path Jesus walked!

Glenview UMC Presents

The Via Dolorosa

The Way of Sorrow

Sunday Mornings at 10:00a.m.

February 18 - Way of Sorrow: Desert

February 25 - Way of Sorrow: Gethsemane

March 4 - Way of Sorrow: Trial

March 11 - Way of Sorrow: Mary the mother of Jesus

March 18 - Way of Sorrow: Simon of Cyrene

March 25 - Palm Sunday

March 29 - Holy Thursday

March 30 - Good Friday

April 1 - Easter: Laughter of the

Universe!

