

The

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GROW, PLAY AND SERVE WITH HEARTS  
FOR CHILDREN AND HANDS FOR SERVICE!**Show me signs!**

My mother-in-law was Image Manager for Disneyland Resort and Disneyland International where she managed the education and communication of the Disney Look for 11,000 cast members. She knows something about image creating. She often used to say, “First impressions are so important. They decide 75 percent of long-term relationships.” Much scientific research backs up that theory. The human brain’s ability to reach conclusions based on just a momentary exposure to someone is known by experts as “thin slicing.” Author and journalist, Malcolm Gladwell, wrote in *Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking* (43-44): “Thin-slicing is not an exotic gift. It is a central part of what it means to be human. We thin-slice whenever we meet a new person or have to make sense of something quickly or encounter a novel situation.”

I now wonder what your first impression of me and my family were. How did you slice me in the novel situation (aka, meeting a new pastor)? I am an introvert and even shy. Did you catch that? I don’t display myself well, but I am quietly stubborn. Did you read that too? I know I need to work on creating better first impressions or images to show who I am. I need to put better signs on my forehead.

Now, let me tell you what my first impressions of you were. My first impression of GUMC was there are great people in the church doing great ministries. You are thoughtful, kind, and loving. You do great ministries in worship, education, mission, fellowship, and service. I know many churches and have been in ministry a long time. GUMC lacks one important thing for a good first impression: outdoor signs. Signs create first impressions of the people and the place, collectively, “the church.” We need to understand human “thin-slicing” to reach out to new people. We need better and bigger signs to impress upon people who we are when people walk by or drive by our church.

Jesus performed miracles and people called them “signs.” His healing miracles displayed his compassion for the sick. His feeding miracles displayed his mercy for the hungry. Yes, his miracles were signs showing who he was rather than what he did. Many people didn’t understand his miracles—his signs. They were stuck on what he did, but Jesus wanted to show them who he was through his signs. How about us? Are we willing to show who we are through our signs? What signs do we need to show our welcome and love for all people of God? I want to work on it with you—putting out signs!

Let me know what you think about that!

Pastor Eun-Hye

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# Member News & Happenings!

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

Scott Harr	Damian Neuberger
Arden Orr	Elsie Westman
Tom Schroeder	Carolla Schmid
Sarah Stasen	Diana Berger
Donnie Ford	Marlene Corbige
Susan Slaght	Burton Randle
Judy Neuberger	

**Calling all Adults!** I am looking to enlist help from people who wouldn't mind hanging out with our youth during GUMY. I believe having positive adults in youth lives is a good thing. It shows them the body of Christ isn't scared to engage youth. It doesn't have to be every Sunday, but if you can commit one or two a month, that would be helpful. Please contact me at [ereniva@glenviewumc.org](mailto:ereniva@glenviewumc.org). Thank you.

~Pastor Eric

**My sincerest thanks** to all of you who have sent me cards, brought food, said prayers, came by or called me after my surgery. It has meant so much to me and has helped in my healing. I plan on being back to work soon and look forward to seeing you all and getting back to my routine.

There is absolutely nothing better than having a loving church family looking after you when you are ill or sad and I thank you all so much for always being there for me. You are all so wonderful - just know you are all in my heart. Blessings to you all!

~ Doris Stengl

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#### Arden Orr

NEW ROOM # 931

**Dear GUMC family,** Leigh and I are so grateful to you for all the phone calls and cards and prayers for us during Leigh's surgery and recovery. We are sure that it is the prayers and support of our church family and friends that have carried us this far; we felt God's presence in you. Thank you so much,

~Anne and Leigh Dierbeck

**Prayers for the Adult Mission Trip!** Please keep Sheri Staten, and the other members of the interfaith adult mission trip, in your prayers as they "Do Good in Detroit." They will be gone August 1-5.

For after hours

**EMERGENCIES**

At night or on the weekend, please contact  
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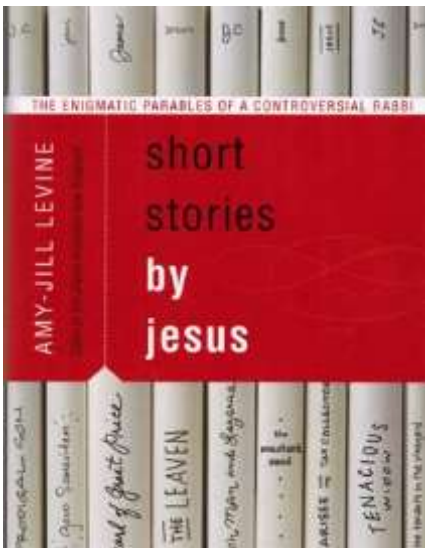


The Endowment Committee of GUMC is very happy to have Chris Walters, who is in charge of the Methodist Foundation in Chicago, in our midst. Our Endowment funds are managed by the Foundation to help them grow for the benefit of the church's future, and Chris is the husband of our new pastor. I'm sure he will be a big help to our committee. We are blessed!

### NEW BIBLE STUDY ANNOUNCED!

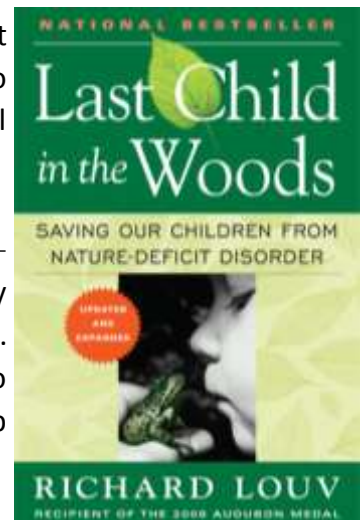
Reserve your spot now! We will study the parables of Jesus with the Bible and the book, *Short Stories by Jesus*, written by Amy-Jill Levine. She is a rabbi and new testament scholar teaching at Vanderbilt Divinity School. She describes herself as a, "Yankee Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominantly Christian divinity school in the buckle of the Bible Belt." What an interesting self-description! Her book is as interesting as she is! Amazon describes it as "wise, entertaining, and educational"! We will meet 10 times starting on September 10th at 10am and study nine parables of Jesus from Jewish perspectives of Jesus' time and religious cultures.

Feel free to order the book now and dip into the water of new understandings of Jesus' parables (Amazon, \$11/paperback) or call church office to reserve a copy (\$11). Invite your friends and neighbors to the study! This book can be appreciated by all!



**The Ladies Wholeness Retreat** is coming up September 21 thru 23. The retreat promotes as its goal, good health in mind, body and spirit. We are so excited to have Kathy Sawicz leading our sessions. Kathy will explore how nature is essential for healthy development--physical, emotional, and spiritual.

*Last Child in the Woods*, by Richard Louv is the first book to bring together cutting-edge research showing that direct exposure to nature is essential for healthy development. We will also talk about "Every Step a Prayer" from the *Upper Room*. We have some cool new ideas this year and invite all ladies, 18 years and up, to join us! More info to follow. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Galarza, Kathy Sawicz or Becky Netherland.



**Loose Coin and Singles** for the month of August will go to UMCOR. In 2017 Hurricane Maria caused unprecedented levels of destruction in Puerto Rico. It left many homeless and displaced. UMCOR has been there by sending volunteers, medical supplies and other life sustaining goods. There is still much need for relief and recovery. UMCOR continues its support to the people of Puerto Rico.

**Our Community Garden!** *Everyone* is invited to tend to the GUMC Vegetable Garden *anytime*. Vegetables are harvested as they are ready. If you do harvest some vegetables, please let the church know how much you took to the Northfield Township Food Pantry. If you have questions, contact Mark Netherland.



### August Sermon Series

Do we lose our Christian identity when diverse people with different religions move into our country and our neighborhood? We wonder how other world religions have common ground with Christianity and how they understand Jesus. We work alongside, go to school with, and live next door to people of other religions, yet most of us understand little about their faith. In this three-part sermon series we explore where there is common ground between Christianity and three other world religions, as well as where they differ from one another, especially, on the belief of Jesus.

August 5th: Buddhism – Pastor Eun-Hye Choi

August 12th: Islam – Pastor Eun-Hye Choi

August 19th: Judaism – Pastor Chris Walters





# Children's Christian Education News!

**Confirmation/GUMY KickOff:** Save the date, August 26, for the Kick Off picnic for confirmation and GUMY youth and their families! There will be good food, fellowship, games and information about the coming year. See you 5:30 in the courtyard!



**Colors of Love: Raising Children in a Racially Unjust world:** As we hear stories of how children are affected by systemic racial injustice we wonder what small thing one individual can do. Here is one thing. United Voices for Children, a United Methodist coalition, is sponsoring this workshop, **Saturday, August 25, 8:30 – 1:00 p.m.** at First UMC in Elmhurst. If you are interested, please contact Linda Duback for registration information and carpooling with her.

## August GUMYouth

Great America - Saturday, August 4th  
- We need at least six people to make this event run.  
Please RSVP with me July 31st.

Wizard World - Saturday, August 25th  
-We need six people to make this event official.  
Please RSVP by August 14th.

August 11 & 12 - No GUMY Activities- Pastor Eric is officiating two weddings

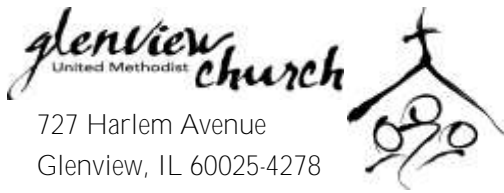
GUMY/Confirmation Picnic - Sunday, August 26th

## September GUMYouth

Rally Day - Sunday, September 9th  
-Youth meet for Lunch and Ultimate Frisbee

Youth Cluster Gathering  
-Tba





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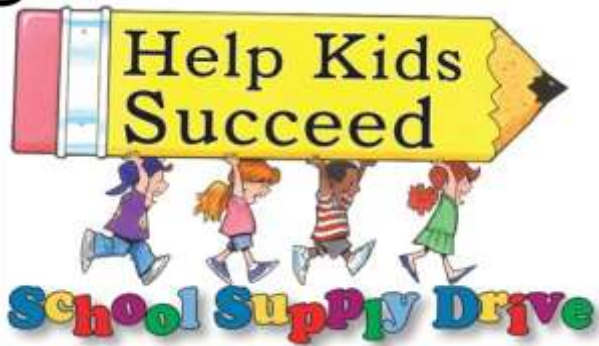
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SCHOOL - AGAI N!! ALREADY!!! CPS Start Sept. 4, 2018  
**We're again collecting school supplies for Olivet UMC's**  
neighborhood children on Chicago's west side. While doing  
your normal shopping, pick up some of the following and put in  
the collection bins by the Social Hall or the Church Office  
until Aug. 19. Whatever you donate is most appreciated.

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