

The

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

Dear friends,

I love stories and that's why I love *The Bible*. *The Bible* is filled with stories, poems, and prayers along with some rules and laws. I liked to read when I was young. I had many novels in my backpack not text books. I found myself in those story books. I sometimes joke that if I didn't become a pastor I would have been a librarian. I remember one day I cried in a bookstore. The sight and smell of books were overwhelmingly joyful, and I got emotional. I am thankful that church allows me to read, ponder, and write. I am thankful to you that you give me space and time to read, reflect, and share. Thank you...

I attended the annual "Biblical Storytellers' Festival" in Dayton, OH, from August 1st through 4th. Many storytellers came out and told Biblical stories from their hearts. They made those stories hilariously funny or deeply sad. People who gathered there laughed and cried along with the stories of *The Bible*. I was very fortunate to have had a chance to talk with the founder of that organization, Rev. Dr. Tomas Boomershine who wrote the book, *Story Journey: An Invitation to the Gospel as Storytelling*. He himself had an amazing story. Just several months after he finished his Ph.D. dissertation on "Gospel of Mark as Storytelling", he was in a major car accident. Both legs were broken. He was in the hospital and rehab for six months. During that time,

he recited the whole Gospel of Mark that he memorized during his Ph.D. study to himself. Those stories became his prayer and conversation with God. Those stories of *The Bible* held him and his faith up in his dark time. I was so moved by his stories and his faith.

In September we will have a sermon series, "Short Stories by Jesus." On Wednesdays we will study the stories together from the first century Jewish perspectives which were the contexts of Jesus' ministry. On Sundays we will have storytellers who will tell those stories. On Kick-Off Sunday, September 9th, we will have a professional storyteller, Rev. Beth Galbreath, telling us Jesus' parables of "Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Son." I am not a storyteller but I would like to try to tell other parables before the sermons. I challenge myself to tell the beloved stories of Jesus from the heart. Also, if you want to try it please let me know. I will work with you to learn Jesus' short stories from the heart so you can share them.

The Bible keeps telling us, "Remember who you are!" We belong to God and to God's stories. I hope that we immerse ourselves into those stories everyday and remember who we are. We are so blessed!

Rev. Eun-Hye Choi

Member News & Happenings!

Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

Scott Harr	Diana Berger
Tom Schroeder	Marlene Corbige
Susan Slaght	Helen Wilson
Elsie Westman	

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.

New contact information for Mark Rowlands:

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ALL ALONE? Don't be. God doesn't want us to be all alone. He wants us to turn to others when things are bothering us. Stephen Ministers will walk with you through your troubles and be there for you when you need them. For more information contact a Stephen Leader, Ethel Doyle (847) 965-5417, Diana Berger 847-486-0428 or Damian Neuberger (847) 998-8574.

You are invited to "Sing to the Lord" with GUMC Sanctuary Choir.

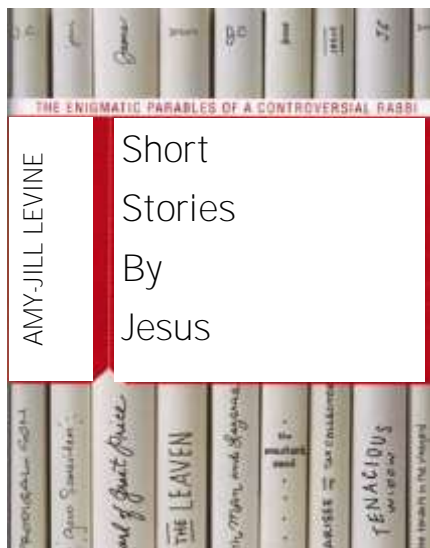
The words from the Psalms call us to join in singing the praises of God. And so we call each of you to share in lifting your voice to the glory of God. Bring your gifts to the celebration of worship! Rehearsals for Sanctuary Choir begins on Wednesday, September 5 @ 7:00. We sing a wide variety of music in Sunday worship and in various other services throughout the year. All are welcome! If interested contact Tom Tobin at tomtbn@sbcglobal.net.



Hike for Lung Health: September 16 10:00 Lincoln Park. Join the *Second Wind Team* and Hike for Lung Health and help raise funds for the Financial Assistance Program. You can register as a walker or if you can't make the event, please consider making a donation in support of the *Second Wind Team*. To learn more or make a donation in support of *Second Wind*, go to www.hikeforlunghealth.org. All money raised by *Second Wind* goes to lung disease research (25%) and to *Second Wind's Financial Assistance Fund* (75%) to help lung transplant patients.



The Endowment committee has a suggestion for anyone who is required to take out a larger minimum distribution amount than they might need or want to. If some of those funds are transferred directly to the church, or other charity you are planning to donate to, it is more beneficial tax wise, than taking it out personally and then donating it. Keep that in mind next time you are thinking about charitable gifts.



Sermon Series on “Short Stories by Jesus”

We have known many of Jesus’ parables from our childhood. In Jesus’ time, parables were just short stories. Those short stories were told to challenge and shake up the audience or the community. During this sermon series, you will hear old stories in a new light.

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| <i>Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Son</i> (September 9) | Rev. Beth Galbreath |
| <i>The Kingdom of Heaven is like Yeast</i> (September 16) | Rev. Eun-Hye Choi |
| <i>The Pharisee and the Tax Collector</i> (September 23) | Rev. Eric Reniva |
| <i>The Laborers in the Vineyard</i> (September 30) | Rev. Eun-Hye Choi |
| <i>The Widow and the Judge</i> (October 7) | Rev. Eun-Hye Choi |
| <i>The Pearl of Great Price</i> (October 14) | Linda Duback |

Bible Study

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.

The GUMC All-Church Conference will be held in the parlor on October 22 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 the **hope that this year’s Church Conference will be well attended and filled with a spirit of celebration and joy.**



The League of Women Voters will be available to register you to vote during Kick-Off Sunday after worship! Please bring 2 forms of ID, one showing your current address.

September 9 at 11:00a.m.

Loose Coins and Singles for September will be donated to Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN). RMN mobilizes United Methodists of all sexual orientation and gender identities to transform our church and world into the full expression of Christ's inclusive love. Website: rmnnetwork.org. RMN works to influence the UMC to be more inclusive. It provides outreach, education, and support to local churches seeking to work for full inclusion of the LGBTQ community. Through their guidance and support, GUMC became a fully inclusive church in 2012.

GUMYouth Congregational Update

It will be year two for me at Glenview United Methodist Church. I'm humbled and excited for this next round. This past Sunday, Aug. 26th I presented the youth and parents who attend the GUMY/Confirmation Kick-Off Dinner with information on GUMY for this new school year. Here is what they heard:

GUMY Mission: To create a space that is welcoming to all youth. To nurture youth in their journey of faith and be a space where youth can experience the grace, peace, welcome of God through time spent together.

GUMY Values: We will ground and build GUMY on these values: Jesus Christ, Faith, Love, Grace, Friendship, and Community.

Goals for 2018-19:

1. Build structures: Youth Council, Adult Support, Volunteers
2. A GUMY calendar that meshes well with Youth and Families
3. Grow our attendance number by 5.

Goals for 2022

1. Youth Council – will have created 3rd Youth Calendar.
2. GUMY attendance increased by 15.
3. Rotational Adult Volunteers

Youth Council Members 2018-19

Merrick Kehoe

Skylar Read

John Potter



Please keep our youth ministry in prayer as we continue to build and grow. **Please consider helping GUMY by making supper for GUMY nights, chaperoning events, and hanging out at GUMY.** Thank you, everyone and God bless.

Pastor Eric

Children's Christian Education News!

Fall Kick-Off Faith and Fun! The new Sunday school year begins September 9 and your Sunday school teachers are ready! Meet up with friends and meet new members of your class. Then stay for the luncheon and fun after worship.

Bounce House, Photo Booth and Games, Oh my! There will be lots of fun at the Fall Kick-Off picnic so be sure to stay. We hope everyone will visit the Photo Booth and share your pictures!

Confirmation Class: Class will meet September 16 and 23 this month. We join all the youth in youth group at 5:30 to start with games and then a light meal. At 6:15 we break off for class in room 10 B while the high schoolers meet with Pastor Eric for GUMY. We all end at 7:30. Looking forward to another great year!

3rd Grade Bibles: The tradition continues with our 3rd graders receiving Bibles during worship September 16. Parents are the primary faith teachers in a child's life and it is the role of the church to support them. This tradition is one way in which we support our families as they "Train children in the way they should go; when they grow old, they won't depart from it."

GUMY Events in 2018-19

September 2018

Sunday, Sept. 9: Fall Kick-Off/Rally Day

GUMY will meet during the Kick-Off. If you have a Bags/Cornhole set bring it so we can have a small tournament.

October 2018:

October 5-6th, 2018: GUMY/Confirmation Retreat in Wesley Woods

High Schoolers please RSVP to Pastor Eric by Tuesday, Sept. 25th. As Confirmation meets, I will meet with High Schoolers to have our own devotionals and activities. An activity I look forward to is the prayer path around the lake.

October 28, 2018: Fright Fest Great America

\$40 tickets for those who RSVP with \$40 in cash by Oct. 21st. If you miss the RSVP date, you are still allowed to attend but must pay the full priced ticket.

November 2018

Sunday, November 25: Christkindlmarket - Chicago

I want to take youth to downtown to the Christkindlmarket as well as the Chicago Temple as well look forward to the Christmas Season.

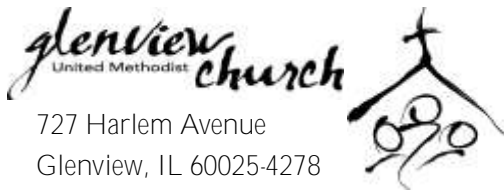
December 2018

Sunday, December 23rd: GUMY White Elephant Party

Together celebrate Christmas with food, fellowship, and uniquely odd gifts.

December 26-29, 2018: Christmas Institute

C.I. is an event that I have been attending since I was 19. It's a retreat to ring in the new year and help center the heart on Christ. 7th - 12th grade can participate. \$164 for the entire stay. The retreat will be at Carlinville, IL at Lake Williamson Christian Center.



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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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SUNDAY POTLUCK BBQ
WHAT TO BRING?
LAST NAMES:
A-R: DESSERT
S-Z: SIDE/SALAD

SCHOOL
BEGINS AT 10:00
WITH
TEACHER DEDICATION

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