

The

Visitor

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

Dear friends,

When I meet new people, I usually ask them about their passion. It's my way of getting to know people. Many times, people ask me back, "Are you asking me what's my hobby?" I say, "it can be. But what I mean by passion is what you passionately care for." Then people pause and think. I love that moment, the moment that people reconnect with their deep self. I think my passion is children. I had rough time growing up. I often felt lonely and misunderstood. In school, church, and even family I felt I was less than myself. Growing up with that feeling was hard. I was struggling and depressed. That's why I care for children and young people. So, I taught Sunday School children and youth from the day I graduated from High School to the day of my ordination. My passion was helping children and young people realize their self-worth. Still, my passion is teaching in a small group setting to see sparks going on in people's eyes.

A church is a community, and no one likes to feel less than themselves in their faith community. I want people of our church to feel fulfilled through their participation in various ministries. For that reason, I encourage people to know their passion or spiritual gifts. Spiritual gifts are given to Christians to build up the community. They are different from talents. We are born with particular talents and we decide how to use our talents for individual purposes. Instead, spiritual gifts are for community building and we discern how to use our spiritual gifts for communal purposes. I believe when we know and use our spiritual gifts properly, we feel fulfilled as Christians and the disciples of Jesus.

I will preach two Sundays in January on Spiritual Gifts. There are about 12 different spiritual gifts that the Bible teaches us. Some scholars and pastors develop more detailed list of spiritual gifts. I will give you a "Spiritual Gift Assessment" tool which has 19 spiritual gifts. The assessment paper will be in the church office, and in the back of the sanctuary from the first Sunday of January. Please do one and give me the cover page with your name. We will have an adult forum on January 21 in the parlor right after worship to discuss them. I want you to know your spiritual gifts and I want to know your spiritual gifts. I believe knowing each other's spiritual gifts helps recognize/understand each other deeply. I really hope you don't feel less than yourself at GUMC.

Love,

Pastor Eun-Hye Choi

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# Member News & Happenings!

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

Scott Harr	Tom Schroeder
Marilyn Stowell	Kay Harr
Helen Murphy	Jessica Gimeno
Marlene Corbige	Sally Lankford

## In Memoriam

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

**Howard Stasen** passed away on Thursday,  
November 22 in Stuart, Florida.

**Gene Schnell** passed away Saturday, November 24.  
A Memorial Service was held on December 22 in the  
GUMC sanctuary.

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



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**GIVING A SHOUT-OUT TO:** Susan  
Urban! Susan prepares and types our  
monthly Prayer Calendar that is on the  
back of the monthly Church Calendar that is included  
in your monthly Visitor. Let's say a prayer of thanks  
for Susan!

**Flowers:** We invite our congregants and guests to  
commemorate a special occasion, such as a  
birthday, anniversary, or a child's special  
achievement by hosting Alter Flowers on Sunday.  
The price for arrangements, that you take home  
after worship, is now \$45.00.

### **New Address:**

Arden Orr  
Brandel Health & Rehab, #300B  
2155 Pfingsten Rd.  
Northbrook, IL. 60062  
224-927-7444 (direct)

**Year-End Book-Keeping:** For tax purposes, your  
2018 pledge to GUMC needs to be postmarked by  
December 31, 2018. Please send in your donations  
soon!

Please return your pledge cards for 2019 to help the  
Finance Committee prepare the budget for the new  
year. Thank you.

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**It's a girl!** Ella Galarza was born Wednesday  
November 28 in Alpena, MI. She is the daughter of  
John and Janis Galarza, and the granddaughter of  
Barb Galarza .

*Do not forget to show hospitality to  
strangers, for by so doing, some people have  
shown hospitality to angels without knowing  
it. - Hebrews 13:2*

**Your Help is Needed:** The purpose of the Sunday  
Fellowship Coffee Hour is to promote camaraderie  
and extend hospitality to the members of GUMC. It  
is an ideal opportunity to come together to renew  
existing relationships and to form new ones. A  
special invitation is extended to visitors and guests  
who would like to get better acquainted with the  
GUMC community. Please consider providing  
fellowship one Sunday this year. Sign-up outside the  
the social hall or call the church office to request a  
date. Coffee and paper goods are supplied.

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New Bible Study coming in January!

## APOCALYPTIC VISIONS OF THE BIBLE

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When we face personal and social crises of our community and nation, we turn to God's prophets in the Bible who show apocalyptic visions for the people of God and we listen to their messages of hope and restoration that give us confidence in the future. There are two books in the Old Testament which have apocalyptic messages: Ezekiel and Daniel and there is the book of Revelation in the New Testament.

There will be two study times offered for **Apocalyptic Visions of the Bible**:

**Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. starting on January 9, 2019**

**Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m. starting on January 13, 2019**

Just Announced!

We will study Ezekiel and Daniel for six weeks (from 1/9 to 2/13) and Revelation for eight weeks (from 2/20 to 4/10) until the Holy Week. The study books of Ezekiel/Daniel are in the office for \$7 per copy. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Eun-Hye at [echoi@glenviewumc.org](mailto:echoi@glenviewumc.org).

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## SERVE

**Stephen Ministry** is one-on-one, confidential caring ministry offered by GUMC to all who may need additional support during a particularly stressful or difficult time in your life. For more information or to confidentially discuss your needs, contact Stephen Leader: Ethel Doyle, 847-965-5417.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!** Mon., Jan. 21, 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. Please see the blue insert for all the details.

**Loose coins and singles in the offering plate** in January will be donated to UMCOR Disaster Relief. There have been many disasters this past year and UMCOR has been there to help alleviate human suffering. The United Methodist Committee on Relief has programs in place for relief, response, and long term recovery grants. The work is done in the spirit of Jesus Christ, preserving the dignity of persons without regard to religion, race, nationality, or gender.

**Way to go!** At our Community Candlelight Christmas Service at the Schram Chapel on Wednesday, December 12th, the offering was \$282.00. That donation will go to **A Just Harvest**. Our church has been supporting this "feeding the hungry" ministry every third Friday in Rogers Park.

**Pastoral care for our church family!** Too often we find out about illnesses, crises and hospitalizations after they occur. This is a missed opportunity for the calls and visits we would like to share. Please let us know if there is a concern in your family or in another congregants family (with their permission) We need your help in order to offer ours.

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Christmas Love!  
to one and all!  
Jan Jeffery

Here's to a healthy & happy  
Christmas & New Year  
Jim & Pat Allen

Merry  
Christmas  
with love  
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MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL  
Harmond & Dawn

Merry Christmas  
To All!  
Dee Ann + Paul Ellis

Peace on Earth  
Good Will toward  
The Dubois

Barb of Lusk with ASP  
Russell & Leidley  
Love & joy to all!  
Feliz Navidad  
Prospero & Paul  
Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas!  
The Ribordy family  
The Keenan Family  
enlightenment &  
unity  
Diana Berger

Christmas B  
Love, Elie  
Happy Holidays

Christmas blessings  
and a happy  
new year  
Deela Deme

may you experience joy, enlightenment &  
unity as you discover unity  
under the Christmas  
tree  
Merry Christmas  
Jan & Emly Lorenz

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Savior's

Christmas  
Wonder!  
Helen & Steve

Christmas  
blessings  
to you all!  
Dawn Stengel

Blessings  
Norma + Don Putman

Merry  
Christmas  
Seam  
Dan  
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J

Have a blessed Christmas  
from Maclean Family.

Parleen

Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year!  
Dad & Sue  
Sloper

Merry Christmas GENE  
-The Cummings Family

Peace & Joy  
Sherry  
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the future

Happy Holidays  
Peace Be With you  
Janeta  
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Christmas Blessings  
for all from Pete  
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Shirley Neppes  
& Family

Blessed Christmas  
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Joy to the  
World!  
Shirley Staten

"And may all your Christmas  
be white!"  
The Hutchings

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ian + Judy Heuberger

Merry Christmas  
Love,  
The Hick Family

Happy Holidays  
to all!  
Sue Acee &  
Karina

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Blessings +  
Love at Christmas  
Joy - Bill Farmer

Happy Xmas!

Happy Christmas - The Fakes  
Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year -  
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Blessings to  
All. Ethel Phayre  
Joy to the world!  
Cinere + Leigh Dierbeck

Jim  
Lakes

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**LIFE GOES ON January 15.** This group of 20-25 singles enjoy the fellowship of getting together monthly at various restaurants suggested by the group. It provides an opportunity to meet and socialize with people and enjoy delicious food together in a great environment. All widows, widowers and singles are welcome to join. Upcoming restaurant information: Elly's on Milwaukee, 5310 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60630, USA

**UMW Sunday:** January 27; Join us in worship for the annual United Methodist Women Sunday Program.



**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS December 24-January 4**

Mondays 9:00-12:00

Tuesdays: Closed

Wednesday and Thursday: 9:00-3:00

Fridays: Closed

*many thanks*

**The Glenview UMW would like to thank everyone** who baked and/or bought cookies at this year's cookie walk. We made \$565 which will go to support our missions.

**Dear Friends,**

**We both want to thank you** for your prayers and expressions of concern following our car accident on Thanksgiving morning. Jim and I are both grateful to have escaped with only bruises. As the good Samaritan said who got us out of the car "someone was truly watching over us to have survived it." Also hugs to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for their gifts. We love them! With gratitude for our friends at GUMC!

~Sharon and Jim Gernady

**From the GUMYouth** for your contributions to the Congregational Christmas Card this year. Your donations amounted to \$383.00 and will go to our ASP trip this summer. Merry Christmas from all of us to all of you!

**Whose Birthday & Olivet Thanks:** A huge thank you to all who participated in this year's Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway? program and the Olivet Toy Drive. Our gifts mean so much to the recipients, and as always, the gifts were gratefully received by all. May each of you feel an added sense of joy in the knowledge that you've reached out to those in need at this special time of year. Special thanks to the following people who helped make the programs successful: Karina Acer Johnson, Dana and Matt Booker, Ethel Doyle, Holly Porrett, Ken Ready, and Doris Stengl.

~Sue Ready

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# Children's Christian Education News!

## Sunday school:

The month of January will find us hearing about Jesus the healer. God can do miraculous things in our lives when we are open to his grace and word. Start the new year off with a commitment to being spiritually healthy!

## Confirmation class:

Mark your calendars for Jan. 6 and 13 as we continue our faith journey together. We will begin meeting at a new time, 6:00, but end at our regular time of 7:30 for the rest of the year. No dinner will be served but we will have a snack break.



## Family friendly Service Projects:

Have you had trouble finding service projects for your young children? Come to Northbrook UMC Monday, January 21 from 8:30 – 10:30.

There are seven family friendly projects from which to choose!

Registration begins January 6 online at [northbrookumc.org/service-and-missions/](http://northbrookumc.org/service-and-missions/).

## GUMY 2019

The new year is upon us. I look forward to what the new year holds for GUMYOUTH.

First I wanted to first thank you to everyone who has supported the Youth Ministry. The time you spend, the food you send, the money you give, the prayers you say - they have all helped keep youth ministry going. Thank you so much. I humbly ask for your continued support for Youth Ministries as we head into 2019 so we can continue the place youth call their church and their home.

Secondly, starting January 6th, 2019 GUMY time and Supper have been changed. The new GUMY time will be 6:00 - 7:30 pm every Sunday. We will not serve Supper, but we will provide snacks and drinks for youth to have during our youth group time. We ask the family who provides snacks please stay be the second adult for Youth group.

Lastly, for GUMY, Youth Council have scheduled the GUMY Lock-in on March 22nd & 23rd. We welcome all youth to join us for the sleepover.

## ASP 2019

Again, another thank you for the support that makes this awesome mission trip possible. Here are a few events

that we have lined up to help fundraise for ASP.

On Sunday, January, 6th we will have a slideshow of our ASP trip this past July running in the parlor, grab some coffee and come to parlor check out photos, chat with people who went on the trip so you can see what your donation support.

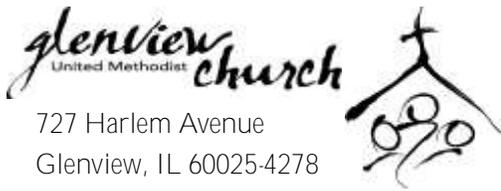
Sunday, January 27th we will have our Annual ASP Chili Cook-off, I invite everyone to come, eat, and maybe cook? (If you have an excellent chili recipe put it to the test)

Sunday, March 17th, 2019 at 6-8pm, we will have the ASP-ECTACULAR Dodge Ball Tournament. The winning team takes home the "Golden Helmets." It's \$6 per individual, \$42 per team of 7. Teams can be intergenerational - groups of adults and youth (like work teams in ASP), teams of all youth or all adults. Invite your friends, bring your work team from ASP in the past.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

Blessings to all,

Pastor Eric



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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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[www.glenviewumc.org](http://www.glenviewumc.org)



Mark your calendars for January 27 and join us immediately following worship for our annual Chili Cook-Off! This event helps our youth group raise money for their annual mission trip with Appalachia Service Project, and it is always a lot of fun (and tasty too!) If you'd like to enter your favorite chili in the cook-



off, simply sign up by the social hall doors. The sign-up sheet will be out during the month of January. Sign up on your own, or as a family, or with friends! Bring your chili that morning and get set up for our tasters, who will come in after worship, spoons in hand! Feel free to bring decorations, come up with a theme for your chili, etc. Awards will be given for Hottest Chili, Best

**Presentation, Most Original and Best Overall.** If you're not up to making chili, we need you to be a taster—only \$5 gets you a taste of each of the marvelous concoctions. Can't wait to see each of you there!

