



The

Visitor

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

Dear Friends,

I ask your prayers for our church, the United Methodist Church. The Council of Bishops has called a Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. The 32-member Commission was authorized by General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council of Bishops to examine paragraphs in the *Book of Discipline* concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church.

Main plans submitted to GC2019

The most prominent plans submitted for consideration at the special conference are:

- The One Church Plan would shift to churches and conferences decisions regarding ministry with or by LGBTQ persons rather than maintaining a single standard that operates throughout the worldwide church. It would also remove some of the language in the *Book of Discipline* that limit LGBTQ people's involvement as United Methodists.
- The Connectional Conference Plan would create three connectional conferences based on perspective on LGBTQ issues. The three connectional conferences would function throughout the worldwide church and the five existing U.S. jurisdictions would be abolished.

- The Simple Plan would remove all language from the *Book of Discipline* that excludes LGBTQ people from full participation in the church.
- The Traditional Plan would affirm the current language about homosexuality in the *Book of Discipline* and seek to strengthen enforcement for violations.
- The Modified Traditional Plan would add to the Traditional Plan a committee with authority to hold bishops accountable to the sexuality standards in the *Book of Discipline*. It would offer a \$200,000 grant to annual conferences that want to leave the denomination because of disagreement over LGBTQ issues.

We will have a "Question and Answer" time on **February 17th** after worship and after Boy Scout's Pancake breakfast on these four plans. We will also hold a prayer meeting on **February 24**, Sunday evening, at 6pm in the parlor when the delegates prepare for the next day's plenary meeting. Also, there will be an information meeting on **March 3rd** after worship about the decision of the special General Conference. No matter what decision will be made or not made at the special General Conference, Glenview United Methodist Church is a reconciling congregation who welcomes all people as who they are and thrives to serve all.

Peace,

Rev. Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

Member News & Happenings!

Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

Scott Harr	Arden Orr
Helen Murphy	Sybil Anderson
Marlene Corbige	J Anderson
Tom Schroeder	Norma Putman
Kay Harr	Judy Neuberger
Jessica Gimeno	Damian Neuberger
Sally Lankford	Elsie Westman
Haley Ferrone	



Eve Circle Invites you to join us. Monday February 11, 7 PM in the church parlor **Hidden Memory: An American Story**. Anne Shimojima is a third generation Japanese American, born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. Anne became a professional storyteller in 1982,

In 2005 Anne interviewed her 91-year-old aunt about her experiences in an incarceration camp in World War II. From this Anne developed her family story, **Hidden Memory: An American Story**, which she presents with photos from her family and the National Archives to tell the story of a Japanese-American community devastated by war but surviving with perseverance, determination, and incredible strength. See you on the 11!



GIVING A SHOUT-OUT TO: Ellen Schaden who keeps track and records your Sunday worship attendance (yes, we do pay attention to those sign-in sheets we ask you to fill out each Sunday). By her reporting, this gives us an idea if we are missing you for a few Sundays and gives us the opportunity to check up and see if all is well. Her ministry is so very important to our church family. Thank you Ellen!

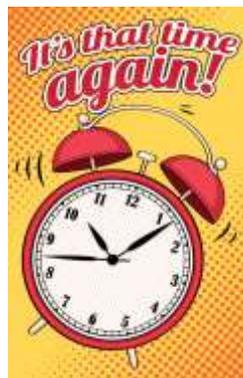


Is music one of your gifts or passions? How about joining Bell Choir? If interested contact Beth at 847-691-3386 for more information or talk to any current Bell Choir member.

OUR New ADDRESS

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Time to start saving your fabulous items for the rummage sale. Rummage sale collection begins April 1. Give those unwanted Christmas decorations a chance to dodge the dumpster. Don't think you have rummage? Well here's a few categories to comb.... CLOTHES, SHOES, ACCESSORIES, BOOKS, SPORTING

GOODS, SMALL APPLIANCES, HOME DÉCOR, HOUSEWARES, SMALL TOOLS, CHILDREN'S TOYS AND CLOTHES....

Save the date! September 20 to 22, 2019 will be our next Women's Wellness Retreat. Kathy Sawicz will be our speaker again this year. Last year, Kathy led a very exciting and stimulating program. Hope to share the joy and fun with you!

PLAY

LIFE GOES ON February 19 1-3p.m. 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. February restaurant information: **Wildfire Glenview, 1300 Patriot Blvd.**

Boy Scout Troop 69 is hosting its annual pancake breakfast and silent auction fundraiser on Sunday, February 10th at the Church. They'll be serving delicious pancakes with homemade toppings, sausage, coffee and milk from 8:30 to 10:00 and 11:00 to 12:30. Come on by and enjoy the festivities; it's all you can eat! Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door. The Scouts are also hosting a silent auction where you can bid on items like restaurant dinners, workout sessions, and many other useful services and items.

Hands for Service.

Loose coins and singles in the offering plate in February will be donated to The Night Ministry. The Night Ministry was founded in 1976 through a collaboration of congregations to reach out at night to the homeless and vulnerable. Since they were founded, the agency has grown to provide services throughout the city in street outreach and youth housing programs.

SCRIPs for Service: SCRIP sales are taking place. Scrip gift cards are the same gift cards you can purchase from the retailer. With over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery and department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels and home improvement, SCRIP has something to appeal to everyone. This is a fun and easy way to help the youth raise funds for their annual mission trip. SCRIPS are on sale through February 10. An order form is included in this *Visitor*. Return it with a check before February 10. Late orders cannot be accepted. Thank you!

Stephen Ministry People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the After People.

Stephen Ministers are there:

. . . after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
. . . after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.

. . . after the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.

. . . after the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."

. . . after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."

. . . after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.

. . . after the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.

. . . after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.

. . . after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.

. . . after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.

For more information or to confidentially discuss your needs, contact Stephen Leader: Ethel Doyle, 847-965-5417.



Hearts for Children.

Sunday school:

The month of February finds us looking at how the family is the center of faith. The church supports the family in passing down the faith from one generation to the next. The stories this month will touch upon family traditions and ways in which faith is shared in the family. Think about how your family keeps God at the center of your family.

Confirmation class:

We will start the month with a faith excursion to Deerfield's Jewish congregation **B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim**, known as BJBE, on February 1 at 7:00 p.m. Then we will have class February 3 and 10, 6:00 – 7:30. Please continue to pray for our youth and mentors as they continue the journey.



GUMY EXODUS

As 2019 continues to trudge onward, so does GUMY. I've been trying to develop sustainable youth ministries that will withstand transitions of leadership and church changes as we trek forward into the future.

Youth Council, which is all youth, have been helping me create their activities. This year we are looking forward to having an outing on February 17th at Play & Spin Niles, a Lock-In in March and scheduling a Sunday morning to worship at the Chicago Temple that will include a tour of building for youth. It's been a joy creating these activities with our youth because we get a glimpse of what they enjoy and it gives them ownership.

My next stage of development is creating our GUMY for Adults group, a group of core adults that will help support GUMY as chaperones, advisors, and support. It's been said, "It takes a village to raise a family." In my memories of the church, I have a list of adults who helped make my church experience to be positive and enforced my thought that when all else fails, I have my family, church, and God that I can turn to.

Please keep our youth ministry in your prayers and please consider helping out with GUMY,

Shalom,
Pastor Eric

CALENDAR

- Friday, Feb. 1 Faith excursion to BJBE temple

SUNDAYS:

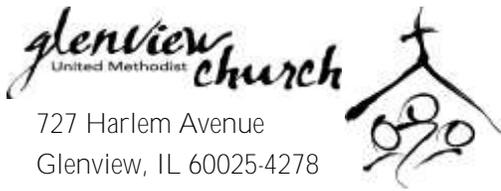
- Feb. 3 Confirmation & GUMY (B-Ball and Ping Pong)
- Feb. 10 Confirmation

- Feb. 17 GUMY - Laser Tag at Play & Spin (RSVP by Feb.10th)

Play & Spin info:

\$26.99 per person (minimum of 5 people), BLUE PACKAGE (whats comes with \$26.99): Your Choice of 4 Attractions (Go Carts and or Laser Tag), 60 Game Credits, 2 hrs continuous Unlimited Video play Games, FREE refill drink, 2 slices of 1 topping Pizza

- Feb. 24 GUMY



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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

February Sermon Series

In this “between time” of Epiphany and Lent we will have a sermon series of “Jesus and Art.” Each pastor will choose a piece of art portraying Jesus and explore new ways of meeting and understanding Jesus. On February 24 we will have a pulpit exchange with Central UMC of Skokie. Rev. Tim Biel of Central UMC will preach at GUMC and pastor Eun-Hye will preach at Central UMC.

- February 3 **“Jesus visiting Hades,” Rev. Eun-Hye Choi**
- February 10 **“Praying Jesus,” Rev. Eric Reniva**
- February 17 **“The Di-Vine-ity of Jesus Christ,” Rev. Chris Walters**
- February 24 **“Sermon on the Plain” with the local artist,
Bruno Surdo, Rev. Tim Biel from Skokie UMC**