Dear members and friends,

This year Lent starts on March 6, with Ash Wednesday. This special time is given to us by the Church to help us in preparing to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ in just over six weeks’ time. During this time the Church encourages us to get to know God better, and to get to know ourselves better too, especially in human suffering. It is a time for turning our hearts more fervently to Jesus who, in the words of the Psalmist, is “compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.” And he dearly wants us to reveal his love and compassion to the world in which we live.

Lent is a season of prayer, fasting and practical concern for those who suffer among us. It offers all of us an opportunity to prepare for Easter by a serious discernment about our lives. So, our particular focus in Lent must be first of all on God, not ourselves. Secondly, it must be on our neighbor who is in need, because in that neighbor we are called to look with compassion on the face of the suffering Christ. Lent is a “favorable time” for us to ask ourselves some pertinent questions about where we stand with God, especially, with the question of human suffering.

So this Lent, we will have a four part sermon series, “Job and Jesus” to share the questions of human suffering in the light of the suffering Christ, based on the scripture. I will pray with you that God will open our hearts, and rekindle within them, his presence, wisdom and love.

Let us welcome Lent.

Pastor Eun-Hye Choi

March 6

Lunchtime Imposition of Ashes: 12:15 pm
(parlor)

Evening Worship with choir and Imposition of Ashes:
7:00 pm
Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

Scott Harr
Tom Schroeder
Jessica Gimeno
Arden Orr
J Anderson
Judy Knoblock
Judy Neuberger
Yvonne Theobald, Damian Neuberger

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

Past member of our congregation, Sheila Burris died on Monday, January 28th at her home in Elgin.

Sybil Anderson passed away peacefully on February 12. At this time, no service is planned.

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

Sacrament of Holy Baptism! Parleen Macwan was presented for baptism on January 27. She is the daughter of Jolly and Veronica Macwan. We rejoice and welcome her into the family of God.

Chili Cook Off Results! Thank you to our chefs: Dan Geiger, Evan Mohr Chris Ernst, Barb Galarza, DeBaker Family, Dave Kleckner, Eileen Ribordy, Greg Peterson, Rev. Eun-Hye Choi and Linda Kleckner!

WINNER - Best Overall, Greg Peterson
WINNER - Most Original, Evan Mohr
WINNER - Best Presentation, Barb Galarza
WINNER - Hottest Chili, Pastor Eun-Hye

Adult and High School Interfaith Mission Trip:
July 15 - July 20, Habitat for Humanity projects in Des Moines, Iowa.

Transportation, motel, & most meals included. Approx. $500.00 per person. For more information and if interested in going, contact Ethel Doyle, 847-975-0361 or email: lareth@aol.com.

Say “Cheese!” No, not this but this!

We are going to have a new Church Family Picture Directory made for this year. The dates will be Wednesday, May 15 through Saturday, May 18. Put these dates on your calendar because we want YOUR pictures in our directory. We would love to have 100% participation. More details will be coming in future weeks.

You know what time it is! During these miserable, cold, snowy, icy days of winter, this might be a good time to clean out some drawers, closets, and cabinets with the thought in mind of our upcoming Rummage Sale on April 5 and 6. We begin collecting on March 31, which will be here before you know it.

Assisted Listening Systems for Church Sound: Did you know the Sanctuary has devices for use to aid in hearing during worship. These devices can be used with or without your personal hearing aides. Please see an usher on Sunday mornings to borrow one for worship.
LIFE GOES ON March 19 1-3 p.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: Bakers Square Restaurant & Bakery, 8584 W Dempster Street, Niles,

CHICAGO BULLS VS. PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS
UNITED CENTER, WED., MARCH 27 AT 7 PM
BENEFITS THE BISHOP’S APPEAL FOR NIC YOUTH CAMPS

We are all invited to experience great NBA action, non-stop entertainment and the energy of a sellout crowd while supporting NIC Youth Camps and bearing witness to God’s loving presence everywhere and in everything!

Enjoy the excitement of the Chicago Bulls as they play the Portland Trail Blazers at the United Center on March 27 at 7 pm. On this special night, all Northern Illinois Conference United Methodists have the opportunity to purchase Chicago Bulls tickets at a discount to see the Chicago Bulls vs Portland Trail Blazers. Built into this discounted pricing is a $5 donation to the 2019 Bishop’s Appeal for NIC Youth Camps, as well as the 12% city/county tax amusement tax and fees. Choose your own seats and level: $28-$90. (Tickets sent to you via Chicago Bulls)

If we sell 500 tickets by Mar 1, our NIC artist/choir will sing The National Anthem!

Final Purchase Deadline Mar 27 @ 5:00 PM Invite your neighbors and friends! Support NIC Youth Camps! Also watch Portland Trail Blazer Evan Turner, a native of Chicagoland and Maywood’s Neighborhood UMC family!

Tickets at: www.groupmatics.events/event/Northernillinois21

We are currently organizing a Church Fundraiser on Friday, March 29th for dinner at Panera Bread in the Heatherfield Shops, 2512 Waukegan Rd, Glenview. Go and have a nice cup of soup, salad and or sandwich and a portion of your bill comes back to the church - easy and delicious. Mark your calendars now. More details will follow in the e-news and bulletins.
Read about our member: Grace Murphy!

I am currently studying abroad at the University of Ghana in Accra, Ghana with an exchange and community engagement program called International Students Exchange Programme (ISEP). While here, I am taking several classes and participating in a volunteer project in a school for children with disabilities. I will have the opportunity to assist with their sensory room project, fundraising and advocacy, computer training, sports and recreational activities, teaching, reading projects, etc.

So far, I have crossed the rain forest on rope bridges, eaten the best pineapple ever, learned some native phrases and turned 21 with new friends!

When I return, I will be a senior at the University of Vermont. I am majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders and minoring in Special Education. When I am finished with schooling, I want to become a speech-language pathologist who works with children with disabilities. This volunteer program is very relevant to my future field of work and I will acquire new knowledge of a completely different culture and their values along with work experience.

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

The concept of an usher is not new. In the Old Testament, there were positions addressed as "Doorkeepers" or "Gatekeepers", and their roles were very similar.(2 Kings 22:4) (1 Chronicles 9:17-27) (Psalms 84:10) Jesus' disciples could be considered ushers, in the sense that they:

- Prepared the way for Jesus
- Kept order among those listening to Christ
- Served food to the audience
- Cleaned up after a service, such as the Feeding of the Five Thousand.

GUMC ushers have various duties.

- Collect the tithes and offerings
- Keep order at the entrance of the sanctuary
- Distribute bulletins and service programs
- Provide security
- Administer emergency procedures

We gave thanks for the following people who routinely serve as ushers at GUMC:

Bob Harr, Head Usher
Randy Johnson, Head Usher

Rose Ackerman    Joy Forman    Florence Labbe
Terry Costlow     Bob Frye      JoAnn Minear
Steve Dahnert     Dan Geiger    Mark Rowlands
Scott Daniels     Marie Hoffman  Bob Rowlands
Leigh Dierbeck    Dick Hoffman  Tom Urban
Steve Ellis       Mabel Janke   

If you would like to be a part of Sunday worship in a meaningful, but infrequent way, please contact the church office to be put on the usher rotation.
Six-Week Lenten Devotional on Sheep and Shepherding. Join the flock this upcoming Lent and spend some time in a WEEKLY devotional all about sheep and shepherds written by Bishop Sally Dyck and Rev. Myron McCoy, along with editor Jane Rubietta.

The six-week devotional titled, A "Sheepish" Lenten Guide to Sheep, Shepherding and Staying on the Path, hopes to spark conversations about ministry and leadership - laity and clergy - in our local churches.

Why sheep and shepherds? In 2017, the Northern Illinois Annual Conference approved an Annual Conference Shepherding Team (ACST) with corresponding District Shepherding Teams. "I hope the theme will help make you more aware of the Annual Conference and District Shepherding Teams, but mostly we want to re-cast a vision of what it means to be shepherds/leaders today!" said Bishop Dyck. **Call the church office to request a copy.**

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**What’s in the book of Revelation?**

Are you looking for a study opportunity for Lent? GUMC will start a new study on Revelation in the New Testament. If you are looking for a deeper knowledge and understanding of the biblical End Times, you must dive into this opportunity.

Wednesday morning group will begin on February 27 at 10am in the social hall classrooms and Sunday morning group will begin on March 3 at 8:45am in pastor Eun-Hye’s office. Books are in the church office. You may attend either session any week.

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**Lent Care** is a three-part faith/life development program of prayer and discussion for our spiritual development, life and end-of-life care, and mental health care. Three short programs will be presented.

1.) Spirit Care: Different ways of Contemplative Prayers on Thursday, March 14 at 7pm. Presenter: Eun-Hye Choi

2.) Life Care: A range of issues pertaining to life and end-of-life care on Monday, April 1st at 7pm. Presenter: Timothy J. Lankford MAPS, BCC. Tim Lankford serves as the Chaplain at JourneyCare’s in-patient units in Glenview and Arlington Hts. He joined the JourneyCare staff in 2017 after having volunteered for nearly fifteen years in roles that included Minister of Care and on vigil teams. Tim previously spent many years in the financial services arena until he had a calling to Chaplaincy. Prior to joining JourneyCare, he served as a Chaplain at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville and Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. Tim says he has the best job in the world and gets to laugh, cry, and pray with people every day.

3.) Mental Health Care: Ways to cope with mental health issues while growing spiritually on Thursday, April 11 at 7pm. Presenter: TBD
Sunday school:
Our Bible verse for the month of March is Mark 1:15: “Now is the time! Here comes God’s Kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this Good News!” Join us as we observe Lent through Bible stories from Mark and Matthew.

Confirmands and Mentors: We will have confirmation March 3 and 10. Mentors and confirmands should meet at least once this month.

Support our children’s Lenten Service Project!: Our Sunday school children will be studying how Heifer International empowers families by training people in sustainable farming, helping farmers gain access to economic markets and help women develop leadership skills. Please save your coins for the month of March to donate. Look for children during fellowship time at the Heifer table in the social hall and let them share what they have learned! Feel free to donate whatever you can!

Lent for Families: Be sure to take a Family Lent bag available March 3. There will be ideas for families to explain and observe Lent together. Also, the 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service on March 6 will be family friendly. There will be helpful hints in the Lent bag on how to explain the imposition of ashes to children.

GUMYOUTH News

Snacks for GUMY: Please consider signing up to bring snacks and drinks for the youth. Two things I humbly ask of you. Please bring enough snacks for 12 kids and secondly; if you bring snacks for the kids, please stay and hang out with us at GUMY. The Snack Sign Up is live; please check out the dates.
Snack Sign-Up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAEAC22A2FE3-snacks

Save and share the date: March 17th, at 6-8pm GUMY, is hosting a Dodge Tournament FUNdraiser for ASP. Please, I urge youth and parents to take part in the game. Invite your friends and family to join in support of our mission team. Open registration for Dodgeball will begin at 5:40.

ASP Goers! Please continue to sign up and get paperwork in for ASP. ASP is open to 14 yrs old to Adults. We have 21 spots; only nine have been filled online. Here is the link to sign up: https://www.servicenetwork.com/reg/APPSECV/Join.asp
Our group number is 8080. The ASP trip is on July 13-20, 2019

March Calendar
March 3 confirmation & GUMY - ASP Meeting at 4 pm
March 17 - ASP Dodgeball Tournament 6-8pm (NO GUMY)
March 22-23 - GUMY Lock-in (Devotional, Games, Magic Show, Happy B-Day Pastors!)
March 24: spring break / No GUMY
March 31: end of spring break - GUMY & ASP teams need to help set up Rummage Sale.
GUMC is a Reconciling Congregation

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.

SPECIAL GUEST!
Reverend Jonathan McCurley.
Sunday, MARCH 3

Rev Jonathan McCurley works through United Methodist Global Ministries as a missionary serving the people of Nasushiobara, Japan and the Asian Rural Institute (ARI) with his wife, Satomi and daughter, Yuka (6). 100 miles north of Tokyo, Jonathan serves as the community life coordinator at ARI and as an associate pastor at Nasushiobara Church.

A graduate of Garrett Evangelical in 2008, he worked as a youth pastor under Pastor Eun Hye Choi at Morgan Park UMC in 07-08 and will be ordained as a full connection elder this coming June in the Florida Annual Conference. He is happy to be back in Illinois and feels blessed to worship with you.

Post Annual Conference information meeting will start at 11:30am in the Parlor.

Mardi Gras Fellowship:
Sunday, MARCH 3

Join us after worship for a “Linda Klecker Fellowship” event. She always makes something just right to tide us over until Easter.

Family Fellowship Time:
Sunday, March 17

Be sure to stay after worship and head to the social hall March 17. Your Children and Family Ministry Team will have crafts and games for children to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day while everyone enjoys coffee hour.

St. Patrick’s Day Activities for Kids