Dear friends,

We are deep into Lent and waiting for Holy Week and Easter. What have you been paying attention to this Lent? We see new lives come out of the ground, on tree branches, and hear the loud chirping songs of birds. Have you paid attention to the list of daily Lent practices in weekly e-news letter? My favorite one is making a cross on my forehead with water whenever I wash my hands remembering to whom I belong. I recommend you try it.

We still have time for the Lenten practice of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Children are leading us to give to Heifer project. We can fast for a meal, or for the day, and give the cost of the meal to Heifer. We can practice a different way of prayer, such as Centering Prayer. A few upcoming special events for lent are: Lifecare and Selfcare on April 1st at 7pm in the parlor led by Timothy Lankford. We will have a Christian Passover Seder which is for multi-generations on Maundy Thursday. There will be Good Friday evening Tenebrae service with Choir music. I hope and pray that all these Lenten practices deepen and enrich our faith journey remembering we walk this road together. I am so blessed with you, friends, in our faith community!

Love,

Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

A Christian Passover Seder for multi-generations

Passover is the oldest and most important religious festival in Judaism, commemorating God’s deliverance of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt and his creation of the Israelite people. This was the last meal Jesus had with his disciples. We will have a Christian Passover Seder which is presented as a way for people of Christian Faith to express that faith in the context of a gathered community by participating symbolically in the story of salvation. There will be Communion, foot washing, and special music. It is a symbolic meal not a full meal.

When: Maundy Thursday, April 18 at 7pm
Where: The Parlor of Glenview UMC

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

A Service of Tenebrae or “Darkness” is based on a twelfth-century late night service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ. There will be multiple readings with candles and Choir music.

When: Good Friday, April 19th at 7pm
Where: The Sanctuary of Glenview UMC
Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

Scott Harr  Judy Knoblock
Tom Schroeder Jan Alexander
Jessica Gimeno Kay Harr
J Anderson

We Goofed!
We neglected to add the name of Ed Pyterek to the list of wonderful ushers who help with this important ministry each Sunday. Thank you Ed!

Top of the Heap! Our 56th Annual Top of the Heap Rummage Sale will be held on Friday April 5th and Saturday April 6th. We will begin setting up after church on March 31st, and will begin accepting donations only after set up is finished. In order to make this a success, we need all our church members to sign up for a shift or two, and to donate lots of treasures. If you have any large items or furniture that you cannot transport yourself, please contact Michelle Cummings at michellecummings@comcast.net or 847-774-3927.

Scripture readers are needed for Sunday worship services. Please share the word of God for the people of God. The Bible verse is provided in plenty of time for you to read through it before Sunday. Please call the office and let Doris know you will read.

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

Yvonne Theobald passed away peacefully on February 23. A brief service was held Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at NH Scott Funeral Home.

Arden Orr passed away on March 16, 2019. There was a Celebration of Life at Covenant Village Fellowship Center on Sunday, March 31.

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

A heart filled Thanks to everyone who prayed for me, sent food and gave me support and Love that got me through my ordeal. Our church community is the greatest! As for Scott- The arm is still paralyzed, but he walks on the treadmill -6-8 miles daily, rides a stationary bike since the beginning and will start PT training at Great Lakes, this spring. He has a wonderful disposition and our family is so grateful that he continues to be in your prayers.

~Kay Harr

Do you have Thrivent Choice Dollars? You can now direct them to the Glenview United Methodist Church. GUMC is now one of choices you can make. Once the church receives the money you direct it to the fund of your choice example the general budget, choir, youth group, Sunday school. Simply call Doris at the church office and she will pass the information along.
LIFE GOES ON April 16 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. April restaurant information: North Branch, 4520 W Lake Ave, Glenview.

Egg Hunt: Palm Sunday April 14. We will continue the celebration on Palm Sunday with an egg hunt after worship. Bring your own basket and we will gather at 11:15 in the social hall to go on an egg hunt!
Loose Coins & Singles in the April offering plate will go to "The Bishop's Appeal".
Bishop Sally Dyck is pleased to announce this year’s Bishop’s Appeal will go toward the Northern Illinois Conference Outdoor & Retreat Ministries, which operates two camps and retreat centers in Dixon, IL and Williams Bay, WI. The money raised will help ambitious goals which include two urban summer week-long programs and provide opportunities to children and youth who otherwise may not financially be able to attend camp. The collection will be delivered at Annual Conference, June 2-June 4 2019.

The 2019 Diaper Drive will run through Mother’s day, May 12. The mothers of young children at the YWCA Evanston/North Shore domestic violence shelter, "Mary Lou's Place" greatly appreciated the diapers that GUMC donated during the diaper drive of 2017. A new program initiated by the Y called "Bridges", gives the mothers and children who are survivors of domestic violence more time to recover and start new lives. They can stay up to 3 months at Mary Lou’s Place, which gives them a little time to figure out how to support their families, recover emotionally and find housing. This program provides safe, independent housing for survivors who have moved through immediate crisis and trauma and are moving toward self-sufficiency. They have 1 and 2 bedroom apartments for up to 52 women and children. This is a very exciting program that has been in the works for quite a while and now has reached fruition. Now our diapers are more important than ever, as they are reaching an ever increasing number of families. The sizes that are most requested: Sizes 4, 5, 6, as well as pull ups in 2T, 3T, 4T, 5T and baby wipes. Any brand and any quantity is appreciated.

Items for Dignity Kits:
This year the Annual Conference is collecting items for Dignity Kits for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center, the UM disaster relief supply center near Springfield IL. The kits are passed out to those who have become homeless due to natural or man made disasters. The Dist. we’re in, Chicago Northwestern Dist., has been asked to donate 2 items for the 11 item kit: (Other Districts contribute the other items.) Boxes of 1 Gallon Sealable Plastic Bags, and 3-4 oz. Shampoo. When shopping, if you can pick up an item or more, please put in the collection bins near the Social Hall or the church office. All items must be new.

Adult and High School Interfaith Mission Trip:
Depart July 17, Return July 21, To East St. Louis to rehab two buildings to be used by Lutheran Social Services in a project called The Church of God, for counseling and supporting prison released persons for transitioning into society. All skill levels welcome. Cost covers bus transportation, hotel and most meals $400-$450. For more information - contact Ethel Doyle lareth@aol.com, 847-975-0361.

An Easter Legend…. says that the robin's breast is red because of his association with Christ's death and crucifixion. When Jesus was on the road to Calvary it is said that a robin plucked a thorn from Christ's temple and a drop of Jesus' blood fell on the robin's chest, turning it red.
Congratulations to Michel Agriopoulos! On Sunday, March 24, Michel was commissioned as a Stephen Minister. Michel is now trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment. What is Stephen Ministry? According to their website, “The mission of the Stephen Ministries organization is summed up in St. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians.

“In a nutshell, Stephen Ministry is Christ caring for people through people.

“To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ” (Ephesians 4:12–13).”

To request a Stephen Minister or to be learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Eun-Hye or Ethel Doyle. GUMC is fortunate to have many Stephen Ministers among us.

SMILE – We want YOUR picture in our new Church Picture Directory. Picture Dates/Times will be Wed., May 15 (2 – 8 pm), Thurs., May 16 (1 – 8 pm), Fri., May 17 (1 – 8 pm) and Sat., May 18 (10 am – 5 pm).

Our last picture directory was from 2012 (can you believe it has been that long). We would love to have 100% participation. You will not be receiving a “robo” call from some company. Members of our church will be calling you directly to let you know how to go about making your photography session. When you have your picture taken, you will receive a FREE 8x10 standard print AND the new church directory.

Coming soon, you will be able go online to make your reservation, you can do it with our members after church on a Sunday online, or you can call the church office. We will just need to know how many will be in the photo. You may also include your pet/s.

Answer when we call, please!

The Legend of the Dogwood...The legend holds that the tree was once very large and because its wood was strong and sturdy, it provided the wood used to build the cross on which Jesus was crucified.

It is said that God both cursed and blessed the tree. It was cursed to forever be small, so that it would never grow large enough again for its wood to be used as a cross for a crucifixion. At the same time, however, the tree was blessed so that it would produce beautiful flowers each spring, just in time for Easter.

The most unique part of the legend is that the petals of the dogwood actually form the shape of a cross. The tips of each of the petals are indented, as if they bear a nail print. There are even colors in the petals that bring to mind the drops of blood that spilled during the crucifixion.
**Sunday school:** April finds our children hearing the events that explain why we call ourselves Easter people! Stories covered include Peter’s denial, Jesus entering Jerusalem, the empty tomb and Jesus’ words to Peter, “Feed my sheep”.

**Palm Sunday: April 14** All Sunday school children are invited to join us in procession of the palms! Meet in the parlor at 9:50 to get a palm and line up.

**Confirmation Class:** We have an all day retreat April 6, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at the Log Cabin at Skokie UMC. Other confirmation classes from the area will join us as we explore our beliefs and our relationship with God. We also will have class April 14 and 28 as we finish our preparations for Confirmation Sunday.

**Mentors:** The last two lessons are available across from Linda’s office. Please finish before May 5!

**Easter Sunday:** There will be child care available for 2-4 year olds in room 8 but no Sunday school so everyone can participate in the celebration of Easter and the risen Lord!

**Prayers for our Confrmands and Mentors:** Please hold the following in your prayers as we spend this last month of Confirmation together: Tiffany Dewar and Janet Ferrone, Fiona Doherty and Becky Netherland, David Rowlands and Bob Rowlands, Tim Walters and Scott Daniels.

**NILSON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE JUNE 3rd**

Now is your chance to apply for the yearly Nilson $1,000 Scholarship Award. It is for any GUMC member who will be enrolled in the fall of 2019 as a full time student in a 4-year college or university. Your entry for this award should consist of a short essay highlighting your accomplishments and activities, your higher education plans and future career and personal interests. Also, please include a brief explanation as to how this award would benefit you. Entries must be submitted to the church office in a sealed envelope no later than June 3rd marked “Scholarship”.

**GUMY Events for April:**
- Confirmation Gathering at the Cabin - April 6th (Contact Linda Duback for more details)
- Dungeons & Dragons - April 13th at 3 pm
- Good Friday: Youth Needed - April 19th at 7 pm (I need youth for Scripture Reading)
- Mother’s Day Project - During GUMY
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Get Your Monthly Visitor online at: www.glenviewumc.org

PALM SUNDAY - April 14
GUEST PREACHER: REV. BRITTANY ISAAC
Chicago Northwestern District Superintendent
Children’s Palm Procession
10:00 a.m. Worship

HOLY THURSDAY - April 18
A Christian Passover Seder for multi-generations
7:00 p.m. Worship

GOOD FRIDAY - April 19
Tenebrae Service
7:00 p.m. Worship

EASTER SUNDAY - April 21
A Celebration of Resurrection
10:00 a.m. Worship