Dear friends,

Means of Grace - ASP

Methodist believe in the "Means of Grace." God works invisibly in disciples, hastening, strengthening; and confirming faith so that God's grace pervades in and through disciples. We can experience this through acts of mercy - like ASP.

As we enter the month of May down to ASP (Appalachia Service Project). I get excited for ASP because those who attend get to partake in a means of grace. Methodist believe in the "Means of Grace." God works invisibly in disciples, hastening, strengthening; and grace pervades in and through "seeing is believing." When people put their faith to work, people can see and understand that God's love is tangible by the works of mercy.

Each year since the late '70s our church has sent church members into the mission field to help make homes safer, warmer, and drier for those in need. I had the privilege of serving last year with our team. I was extremely impressed by the work that our youth did in people's home. It warmed my heart to see the relationships that our youth and leaders developed with the families they helped. It showed me that God's love and grace at work in our team members and God's love manifesting outwardly in work, in the relationship with the homeowners and their family. It goes to show that when you make yourself available to God, God can do amazing things in you and through you.

This yearly undertaking comes with a hefty prices tag that we try to cover with fundraising, donations, and required payments. Currently, the amount needed to cover the remaining cost for ASP (minus required payments) is $9,000 - which is vans, gas, toll, emergency funds, and adult volunteers (this number is not including funds raised.)

I humbly ask that you might consider being a means of grace for our mission team to close the gap in expense and send them forth into the mission field to represent our church and be an extension of God's grace.

Pastor Eric
Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

Scott Harr  
Tom Schroeder  
Jessica Gimeno  
Jan Alexander  
Tita Gimeno  
Burton Randle  
Helen Murphy

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

David Calhoun passed away April 17. A service was held on April 28 at N.H.Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home.

William Tobey, father of Ann Rowlands, passed away Friday, April 12. There will be a small memorial gathering this summer in Colorado.

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

Congratulations to Amelia Mareddy! Amelia was baptized into our family of faith on Easter Sunday, April 21. Her parents Priyanka and Srikanth, grandfather Jiwan Dass and godparents Minakshi Dass, Shifali Dass and Ivon Dass were present.

Rummage Sale Appreciation:
I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped at this year’s Rummage Sale, whether you donated items, helped set up, sorted during the week, worked at the sale or bought items. So far we have raised over $13,000, which is more than last year. What makes this job so much easier is the willingness of so many people to pitch in. All of the department chairs worked many hours this week - Joy Forman, Steve Ellis, Jim Gernady, Don and Norman Putman, Kay Harr, Jan Jeffery, Jane Furch, Bonnie Frame, Barb Galarza, Linda Kleckner, and Sue Acer. In addition, we had quite a few church members put in a lot of hours helping us get everything organized – Michel Agriopoulos, Ed Burns, Joan Loyd, Juanita Smith, Marie Hoffman, Mabel Janke, Alisha Potter, Jan Hutchins, Cindy Berg, Janet Conlin, Sharon Gernady and Ethel Doyle.

Sincerest THANKS to Michelle Cummings for her time and energy coordinating this year’s Rummage Sale. We appreciate your dedication to the success of the sale.

Honoring Our Graduating High School Seniors!
Families of High School Seniors, mark your calendars for Sunday, May 26!
We’ll honor our high school seniors with a breakfast at 9 a.m., followed by a time of recognition during our 10 a.m. worship. Families, including grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. are all welcome to join us for this special time. Look for an invitation in the mail as well, but mark your calendars now!
Questions? Email ereniva@glenviewumc.org

Are you graduating this spring? Please let the church office know so we can celebrate your accomplishments! All graduates are encouraged to respond. Please include your name, school, college or trade school, majors, and plans for the future.
Email to office@glenviewumc.org.

Sincerely,
Michelle Cummings
LIFE GOES ON May 21 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. May restaurant information: Jasper's Cafe, 1913 N Waukegan Rd, Glenview, IL

Retirement celebration for Linda Duback after church on June 9th
We are so sad that Linda Duback is retiring as Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministries. Please mark you calendar for Sunday, June 9, after church to celebrate Linda and all that she has done for our church families over the last 18 years. We will be having a lunch after church on June 9. The main dish will be provided. If your last name starts with A-R, please bring a side dish. If your last name starts with S-Z, please bring a dessert. NO NUTS PLEASE! We will also be collecting a love offering for Linda. Please mark your donation with "Linda Duback Love Offering" and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. We will collect love offering donations through Friday, June 7. We will also have a basket for cards at the celebration on Sunday, June 9. We hope you can make it to Linda’s retirement celebration on June 9! It would be awesome if a lot of the Sunday School, GUMY, and Confirmation graduates could come, too! Linda would love that! If you have any questions, please contact the church office or any member of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee.

Purchase your tickets for Pizza Mania at the Wesley office (Northside of the GUMC building).

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”.
Loose Coins & Singles in the May offering plate will go to Sammool House. (Living Water) The Sammool House is a ministry for Asian American women in crisis with various issues. It is an outreach of the Sammool United Methodist church. It offers a caring, equipping and loving place to Asian American women who are suffering economically, emotionally and spiritually through Bible study, English language school, career training, counseling services and more.

Please participate in our annual diaper drive to benefit the women and children who are victims of domestic violence at Mary Lou's Place in Evanston. Mary Lou's Place, a domestic violence shelter for women and their children (formerly the Evanston Shelter for Battered Women and Their Children), was created in 1980 as a five-bed volunteer-run shelter, and has since grown into a 32-bed residential facility. They can stay up to 3 months at Mary Lou’s Place, which is not enough time to figure out how to support their families, recover emotionally and find housing. The Y now also has "Bridges". 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. Now our diapers are more important than ever, as they are reaching an ever increasing number of families. Diapers for any size infant or toddler can be placed in the collection bins outside the office or social hall. Donate now through Mother's Day, May 12.

Spring Scrip sale: We will be taking orders on May 5 and 12. Don’t use cash or credit to pay for your regular household purchases, use scrip gift cards. Scrip fundraising gift cards are the same gift cards you would normally purchase from a retailer in your local retail stores, and they work the same way. You'll find cards you can use at grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, movie theaters, home improvement stores, and almost any business that accepts gift cards. There is no extra cost to you. The face value is what you pay. The merchants donate a percentage of their earning to GUMYouth to send them on their ASP Mission Trip. Order form is included in this Visitor.

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Income minus Expense: (39,516) (17,867) (21,649)

*So far, $4,500 paid for total Apportionment of $60,312*
**Confirmation Sunday:** Join us on Sunday, May 5 as four dedicated youth make their profession of faith. They have been blessed with caring adult mentors and a supportive congregation. Hold these youth and mentors in your prayers as we complete our final preparations for this special Sunday: Tiffany Dewar (Janet Ferrone), Fiona Doherty (Becky Netherland), David Rowlands (Bob Rowlands) and Tim Walters (Chris Walters).

**Teacher Recognition Sunday:** Let us give thanks for the faithful ministry of our Sunday school teachers, helpers and teen buddies. Be sure to be here Sunday, May 19 as we recognize them in worship.

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**Congratulations to Matt Chorvat.** Matt has graduated from the Naval Nuclear Power School. Nuclear Power School teaches nuclear-trained Officers and Enlisted personnel the theories and fundamentals behind the design and operation of Navy nuclear reactors and power plants. Matt is now prepared for work in the nuclear power field.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Glenview United Methodist Church fundraiser and hopefully had a satisfying experience with their family and friends at Panera Bread. The total amount of net sales was $777.19. Based on the sales, GUMC you will receive a donation of $155.44.

**Mother Dear**

Beautiful things in this life are manifold ‘tis true, we count the stars by thousands, the birds and flowers, too; The sunsets and the dawnings, rare beauties far and near, but all the wide world over, there is just one “mother dear”.

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**Sunday school:** The importance of friends will be our focus for May. We will look at examples in the Bible for what makes a good friend. Our last regular Sunday school class will be May 19. There will be no class for Grades 3-5 on May 5 so they can be in worship for Confirmation Sunday.
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You are invited to be a part of our new photo directory. Our last directory was printed in 2012. We have new families, there have been weddings and babies, and kids who are young adults now.

We’re changing and a new photo directory will help us capture these changes. Our directory won’t be complete without you!

Appointments available May 15 - 18

Call 847-729-1015
OR
Online: www.glenviewumc.org

Every participating family receives a free 8x10 portrait and a printed and electronic copy of our directory.

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