

# The Visitor

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

Dear members and friends of GUMC,

It's the time again that we will gather for the annual Church Conference. Our Church Conference will be on October 21st (Monday) at 7:00 pm in the parlor. Many things happened in the United Methodist Church and in our church this year. I dare to say that we are living in the time of change and the time of uncertainty. A researcher of church leadership, Susan Beaumont, once said the Christian church in general is in threshold times now when the continuity of tradition disintegrated and uncertainty about the future fuels doubt and chaos. In those threshold times, I believe, we have a chance to learn together. What do we learn together in threshold times? We learn to be present for each other and to point God's presence among us. We learn what were important values in the past in our church that may help us to shape our future. And more than anything else, we learn who are we here to serve, and what God is calling us to do. I hope that our annual Church Conference would be the time for asking and answering these questions.

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Brittany Isaac, challenges us to start to learn about the people of our community. She asks you, our members and friends, to meet a person in our community and talk with him/her for about thirty minutes to build a

public relationship, to identify her/his passion and values, and to learn his/her story. It will be an opportunity for us to learn information about our community. Rev. Isaac will ask us at the church conference what we learned about our community through the conversation.

Please be prepared to give her good answers!

The format of the church conference will be slightly different this year.

We will join with the members of Trinity United Methodist Church. It will be a joint conference. I believe it will be a learning experience for both churches. Please mark the date and time in your calendar.

Let's be faithful to God and to each other and share the joy and love of God!

Eun-Hye Choi, pastor



# Member News & Happenings!

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

Scott Harr  
Tom Schroeder  
Jessica Gemino

Please let us know if there is a concern in your family.  
Pastor Eun-Hye: [Echoi@glenviewumc.org](mailto:Echoi@glenviewumc.org) or  
[Office@glenviewumc.org](mailto:Office@glenviewumc.org)



**The Love of Christ Compels Us! 2 Corinthians 5:14**  
October is Stewardship month. Please join us for a luncheon celebrating our abundant giving on October 20 after worship.

**SAME GREAT GROUP – NEW NAME! Life Goes On is now LUNCH BUNCH!** This group enjoys 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. This group meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Check the calendar at [www.glenviewumc.org](http://www.glenviewumc.org) or call the office for upcoming restaurant information. Come to our next luncheon on October 15th at Omega Restaurant, 9100 Golf Road. See you then.

**The GUMC All-Church Conference** will be held in the parlor on October 21 at 7:00. This is the conference that details what our church has accomplished this past year and where we plan to go in the upcoming year. This conference is important for all members of GUMC to attend. It is the hope that this year's Church Conference will be well attended and filled with a spirit of celebration and joy.

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**It's a Boy!** Jude Anderson Cerny was born September 1, 2019. Parents Luke and Emily Cerny and grandparents Sue and Rich Krcik are overjoyed! Welcome to the world baby Jude!

**Congratulations!** Emma (Porrett) and Tyler Schaffrick were married on September 14, 2019 in Durango, Colorado. May God bless their future together.

**New Address:**  
Sue and Ken Ready  
63 W. Vandermeer Dr.  
Antioch, IL 60002

**Hooray for our Volunteers!** Fall kick-off was a grand event this year! Thank you to all our members who made it a great place to be!  
Troop 69: social hall set-up  
Heidi Ortiz: Bouncy house  
Maddie and Robin: Face painting  
Tom Hutchins: Magic Extraordinaire  
Curt Corbige, Greg Peterson, Michel Agriopoulos, Chris Ernst, Mark Rowlands: Grill Masters  
Linda Kleckner, Marianne Brackey: Kitchen Coordinators



**Our new picture directories have arrived.** You can pick yours up from the church office. Extra copies are available for \$10. You can also go to our website, click on "directory" and to access it on your phone or laptop. Call the church office for the password.

# Hands for Service

**Loose Coins and Singles in October will be donated to the Public School Project:** Your coins and singles this month will help in the construction of school classrooms in Zambales, Philippines for elementary students of the aborigines tribe. The school does not have a decent classroom, and it look like a mere temporary shelter. Any inclement weather can easily bring down the makeshift classrooms. In addition, school bags with at least 5 notebooks, pens, pencils and paper will be given as gifts to the students with help from the donors.

HELP END HUNGER - ONE STEP AT A TIME - Sunday, Oct. 20, 1:00 p. m.

**GLENBROOK CROP HUNGER WALK** - Remember Jeannie Gans - this is her passion event, please participate by donating, securing donors, and/or walking. Stop by the registration table in the Social Hall after the service to register to walk or donate.



- **Make checks to: CWS (Church World Service), Memo: Glenbrook CROP Walk or send your donation to the church office.**
  - **Northfield Community Church, 400 Wagner Rd., Northfield, IL.**
  - **Registration at 12:00 noon, Walk begins at 1:00 p.m. Food will be provided.**
  - **You can walk any distance up to 5k (3.1 mi.)**
- All proceeds are used by Church World Service to provide food, medical care, disaster relief, and self-help development for people in need, locally and around the world. 25% of the money raised by the Glenbrook Crop Hunger Walk will be distributed to local hunger-alleviating agencies, the Northfield and West Deerfield Township Food Pantries.



## Sneak Peek

At November 3

All Saints' Worship at 10:00

Whose Birthday Is It Anyway Fair 11:15

GUMYouth Christmas SCRIP Sale 11:15



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**Donations Needed:** GUMC is hosting a dinner auction on November 9. (see gold insert) Please consider donating to our live and silent auction. Items that would be great fun could be; gift baskets, a ride on your boat, a weekend in your summer home, a meal prepared by the best cook in your house, a gift certificate to a place you love, tickets to a local show, a service you provide. What would you love to get? Any questions, contact Karen Daniels ([kbddaniels@gmail.com](mailto:kbddaniels@gmail.com)).



# From the Director of Sunday School!

As I'm preparing this week for Bible Presentation Sunday, where our 3rd grade students receive their very own Bible, I'm in a unique position. Not only am I the Sunday School Director, giving advice to parents about how to teach the Bible to their children, I'm also the parent of a 3rd grader, trying to figure out how to explain this wonderful, but complex story of God's redemption. Just typing it out makes me feel overwhelmed! The other day, my 3rd grade daughter expressed her deep skepticism of the story of Jonah. "It seems unreasonable to think a big fish would swallow someone and he doesn't die." What is a Methodist mom to do??

For insight, I read a book by Peter Enns called [Telling God's Story: A Parents' Guide to Teaching the Bible](#). His suggestion for elementary aged children is to teach them to know Jesus -- who He was, what He did, and what He said. The author points out that Jesus is the basis of our faith, and all other stories in the Bible point to Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Jesus is very relatable to young children - He was born, went to school, slept. He ate meals with friends, He traveled, He got angry and cried. Learning about Jesus creates a strong foundation for understanding the Old Testament stories that come before it, and how it all fits in to God's redemption story.

One of the challenges with teaching "Bible Stories" from the Old Testament to elementary aged kids is that kids these days are very scientific! The Bible was written in an ancient time for ancient people. Because younger kids struggle to understand the context of an ancient world, they can "outgrow" the Bible stories, as they do other childhood stories. If we teach the story of Jonah to young kids, it's important to circle back when they are older so they know the story of Jonah is not to teach us about the nature of giant fish, but to teach us about the nature of God. And of course, there is no "wrong" way to teach our kids the Bible -- through our own faith and consistency, we can plant the seeds for a vibrant, lifelong faith. I would love to hear your thoughts about how you teach the Bible to your own kids!

## Upcoming Events

Oct 27 - Trunk or Treat- come to church in your costume

Nov 9 - Pizza Party for Kids during Night in Venice Fundraiser (ages 3+)

Dec 7 - Christmas Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Dec 8 - Christmas Nativity Program



# venture with beth and greg

So as I'm writing this, the Cubs are down 5-1 to the Pirates, and although not mathematically eliminated from the Playoffs...I can tell when a ship is sinking...so all I have to say is...GO BEARS!

Now on to the month of October and what's happening for our 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders...

Sunday October 6: the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will meet with Beth and I during worship...as always we'll have something breakfasty to nibble on.

**Sunday, October 13:** We will not have GUMY due to it being GBS Homecoming Weekend.

**Sunday, October 20:** We will meet with the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders during worship then join everyone for the Celebration Luncheon following worship in the Social Hall...following the Celebration Luncheon we ask all 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders and their families to join us for the Crop Walk!

Sunday, October 27: We will host members from Olivet at worship and their children will join GUMC children at the Annual Trunk or Treat! GUMYouth will participate by hosting a trunk or two and decorating them to pass out candy to the kiddos...afterwards the 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders will make their way to Omega Restaurant for lunch!

**SAVE THE DATE!** Saturday November 2! Our 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders will be going up to Lake Geneva's Covenant Harbor Retreat Center for a fun, full day retreat (back at GUMC later that evening). Don't forget to email Greg and Beth at [petersons@glenviewumc.org](mailto:petersons@glenviewumc.org) to reserve your spot and let us know you're coming!

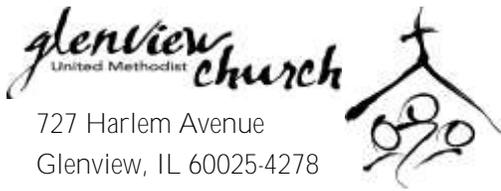
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See you in church!

Greg and Beth

**Thank you!** We give thanks to the following teachers and aides who accepted the call to teach our children in Sunday School this year: Caryn Granzow, Enode Okoli, Merrick Kehoe, Sue Acer, Della Deme, Hugo Ortiz, Tim Walters, Mark Rowlands, David Rowlands. Peter Cummings, Patrick Keenan, Regina Velez, Cori Mohr, Maddie Peterson, Sheri Staten, Ben Keenan.





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JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

Adults decorate your trunk!  
Kids wear your costumes!

ON OCTOBER 27  
AT 11:15 a.m.  
GUMC PARKING LOT

This year we  
welcome our  
friends from  
Olivet UMC!