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

Dear friends,

I can't believe that it is the end of November! Time flies and I worry that I will miss something in blink-of-an-eye. I see the church calendar a couple of times a day to catch up our daily programs and events. I find that our church calendar is filled with your acts of generosity, starting with "Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway?" and a toy drive for the neighborhood of Olivet UMC. I recently met a young man who received tutoring through one of the organizations (Inspired Youth – mentoring program) that our UMW and "Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway?" have been supporting for many years. He said, because of the mentoring program, he and his siblings and cousins were able to go to college (the first of their family to do so) and now there is a doctor, an engineer, and a lawyer in the family. You plant the seeds of generosity and they bear fruits in God's time and in places where you don't know.

Also, your acts of generosity blossomed beautifully at the Venetian Night fundraising dinner. Food was delicious, fellowship was extended, and the silent auction was successful. We raised \$7,525 for the mission and ministries of GUMC! Though it was hard work, everyone participated joyfully and enjoyed each moment. I thank you for being such a grace-

filled people! Special thanks to our chefs; Marianne Brackey, Curt Corbige, and Linda Kleckner.

In December, there is Advent Choral worship by the Sanctuary Choir on the first Sunday, Christmas pageant by our children and youth on the second Sunday, Community Christmas service hosted by GUMC on December 18, and Christmas Eve services at 4 pm and 10 pm. I hope that you keep this Advent/Christmas season real with worship, fellowship, and generosity. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to Christmas worship and fellowship and show them Christian hospitality.

Please remember to bring all your Christmas gifts to church by December 1 (Sunday) and please return your pledge card (if you haven't yet) soon. You make all ministries of GUMC possible and I am so grateful!

In gratitude,  
Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

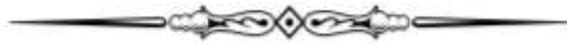
# Member News & Happenings!

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

Scott Harr  
Tom Schroeder  
Judy Neuberger

Damian Neuberger  
Chris Ernst

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)



Be the Spirit of Christmas! People are the true magic of the season and the best "gifts" can come from the most unexpected places. During this holiday season, it can be a difficult time for those in our church family who are homebound, lonely, or suffering. Perhaps you'd like to send a holiday greeting to them to let them know you are thinking of them. Call the church office for the current address.

Jan Alexander  
J Anderson  
Diane & Emil Capitani  
Dee Cooper  
Bill and Joy Forman  
The Gimeno Family  
Barb Hillis  
Lynn Heniken

Joyce Hosler  
The Lacinas  
LaVerne Lundquist  
Isabelle Marth  
Mary and Everett Mason  
Char Moneyhon  
Helen Murphy  
Mary Neininger

The Neuberger  
Burt and Mariann Randle  
Viola Scannell  
Tom Schroeder  
Marilyn Stowell  
John Whitfield  
Helen Wilson

### Emergency Contact



**Information:** The office is glad to accept a name, phone number or address of a family member or good friend to contact in an emergency. This information will be kept confidential. You can call or email the office with the information.

**Thank you, Barb Galarza!** Barb collected money and materials from friends and colleagues to fill 72 gal. plastic bags with Personal Dignity Kit items (Value \$14 ea.) for Midwest Mission Distribution Center. The kits will be shipped to those in the Bahamas affected by Hurricane Dorian.

**Thank you to all** those putting useful misc. items in the collection bins. We delivered socks and hygiene products, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. to The Night Ministries to be distributed to the homeless they serve. (Warm socks are especially sought in the winter.) Thank you all for thinking of others in need and your generosity.

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# Member News & Happenings! Continued

## With profound regrets, we announce the passing of our dear member and friend:

Long time past member, Ruth Thiel, passed away in Naples, Florida on October 27, 2019. She had been an active member in our church and the community until her move to Florida.

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



## CROP WALK Thanks you!

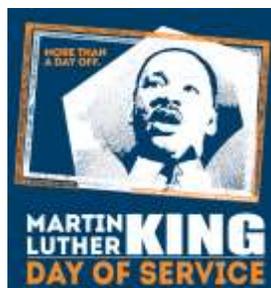


Thank all of you who walked and donated to the Glenbrook Crop Hunger Walk, October 20 hosted

by Northfield Community Church. Through your contributions and participation GUMC donated \$900 and 14 walkers. 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 the Northfield and West Deerfield Township Food Pantries.

## SAVE THE DATE - Monday, Jan. 20

Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Day. Watch for the announcement in the January Visitor about service projects for all ages, 5 - 105!, To name a few: Feed My Starving Children, Bernie's Books, Make: placemats for Meals on Wheels, military bracelets, dog biscuits, Linus blankets - and more.



## Give the Gift of Warmth.

Help decorate The Mitten Tree in the Social Hall with warm mittens, gloves, hats, coats, other clothing and blankets for our friends at Olivet UMC on Chicago's Westside. They pass them out to their neighbors. All are very much appreciated. Will collect through Sunday, January 5.



## Help Our Youth Serve!

In an effort to raise money for their summer ASP trip, the youth will be collecting signatures on the Congregational Christmas card. The suggested donation is \$5.00 and the card will be available to sign on Sundays. Don't miss this fun way to wish a Merry Christmas to all your friends and family at GUMC! Look for the youth outside the social hall on Sundays, December 1, 8, and 15.

**Loose coins and singles will be donated to: The New Horizon Special School in Osu, Accra, Ghana.** This school was established in 1972 and serves children and adults with intellectual disabilities. These children and their families are welcomed into the school and provided education, vocational training, and employment that assists them in becoming more independent individuals in the community. This school is a very high quality institution and the love from the teachers is visible in all of the work that is done. With Ghana only gaining its independence in 1957, this school is incredibly ahead of its time and a truly special place for so many special individuals.

## Sunday, December 1: First Sunday of Advent :

*10:00 a.m., Worship and Communion*

*Advent Choral Worship*

*Let us begin this joyous Season of Advent together with our church family. We will light the first candle of the Advent Wreath.*



*"Whose Birthday" Gift Collection and Toys For Olivet UMC - Collection TODAY --bring your gifts to the parlor by 9:50 a.m.*

## Sunday, December 8: Second Sunday of Advent

*Nativity Program and Worship at 10:00 a.m.*

*The Children and Youth Christmas Worship Come and rejoice in the story of God's ultimate gift of love to humanity. Bring friends and family as children and youth share this story that changed the world.*



*Cookie Walk at 11:15 a.m., social hall*

*Need some treats for the holiday season? Stop by the social hall after worship and visit the United Methodist Women's Cookie Walk. Purchase a variety of holiday cookies for your family and friends. Proceeds benefit our Church budget.*

## Sunday, December 15: Third Sunday of Advent

*Worship Celebration: 10:00 a.m.,*

*We will light the third candle of the Advent Wreath.*



## December 18 at 7:00 p.m. Schram Memorial Chapel 1799 Patriot Blvd.

**Community Candlelight Service** Come and hear the Christmas story and sing carols in this traditional lessons and carols service. This year GUMC will partner with Northbrook UMC. The offering will be donated to Helping Hands of Glenview.

## Sunday, December 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Sunday Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.*

*Adult Forum: Grace Murphy- Grace interned Spring 2019 at New Horizon School, Osu, Accra, Ghana. Come hear about her experiences. 11:15, parlor*



## Christmas Eve at 4:00 and 10:00

*(see back cover for additional information)*



## Sunday, December 29 (First Sunday of Christmas)

*Sunday Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.*

# From the Director of Sunday School!

Happy holidays! I know, I should say Merry Christmas, right? But honestly, Christmas seems to consume most of December so it's hard for me to think of it in the singular. Maybe I'll start saying Merry Christmases??

This December, we are doing a food drive for our Sunday School classes. I called the Northfield Township Food Pantry to find out what donations they need the most. They do have an increased need in December, but they receive lots of donations around the holidays. The director said they mostly go through those by February and gently reminded me that the most intense need is in summertime, when students don't have access to school lunch during summer vacation.

I was reflecting on how our culture focuses on giving back during Christmastime, but our generosity should not be confined to one month of the year. We should have a "happy holidays" approach, so that many times each year we are reminded to consistently support the marginalized people in our communities and our world. Generosity that only rolls around once a year mostly appeases our own ego, and fails to engage with the issues of persistent poverty and injustice. Our own generosity must be more persistent than the problem.

I'm filled with joy to be a part of such a generous community of believers that go above and beyond in ways I am still discovering. Most recently I was amazed by the Venetian fundraiser and all the dedication and love that went into making it such a successful event. Every time I turn around, someone is quietly working on something. I'm so glad my kids are exposed to so many examples of generosity, so they learn that it is at the core of the Gospel. It is my sincerest hope that my kids will grow up to be people for whom the giving spirit of Christmastime is experienced year-round. And with that, I wish you Happy Holidays -- so that the Gospel fills your heart throughout the entire year.

Heidi Ortiz

Children and Youth  
Christmas Worship



December 8  
10:00 a.m.

Come and rejoice in the story of God's ultimate gift of love to humanity. Bring friends and family as children, and youth share this story that changed the world.

## Sunday School



## FOOD DRIVE

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# venture with beth and greg

The turkey and all the leftovers are gone, the Bears are still not qualifying for the playoffs this year, and just like that.... It's December! It's the most wonderful time of the year! And here are some of the highlights for this month!

We open the month with our annual Choral worship service on Sunday December 1st. and Beth and I will be putting some final touches on this year's Christmas program, *A Night In Bethlehem*. We need all of our youth cast members to meet us in the Youth Room during worship.

That brings us to Saturday, December 7, which is our Dress Rehearsal. We will meet at 9am and hope to be wrapped up by 11am.

TaDa! Join us on Sunday, December 8, for *A Night In Bethlehem*! The kids have been working so hard on learning their lines, working on songs, our children's chime choir and yes, even a GUMY mini-symphony orchestra! Please be sure to invite family and friends!

Also on Sunday the 8th, join us following worship in the social hall for our annual UMW Cookie Walk! We need both bakers and buyers! So bring your cookies and your cash for this festive fundraiser!

One more thing! Lastly on the 1, 8, and 15 we will have the Congregational Christmas card to sign. All of the proceeds go to our youth and the ASP summer mission trip! We thank you in advance for your contributions!

Is December over yet Greg? Why thanks for asking, and No! Not even close! On Wednesday, December 18th at 7pm please join us for our Community Candlelight Service at Schram Memorial Chapel. A beautiful way to kick off Christmas week.

On Saturday, December 21 at 6pm we will be hosting our 2nd GUMY Open Mic Night! Bring your voice or instrument, bring your stand up routine or magic act, or maybe you have a poem or two you'd like to share. Or just bring yourself and a friend to support those who are performing! We'll set up our "Coffee House" in the parlor and will provide snacks and beverages (yes, there will be coffee too)

And finally, the reason for the season, please join us on Christmas Eve for one of our two services. At 4pm Beth will be giving her Christmas Children's sermon and the GUMC Bell Choir will perform for us while the 10pm service will feature the Choir.

Even though it's such a hectic time of the year, we hope you will take a few moments to appreciate the blessings that we sometimes lose sight of, Maddie, Spencer, Beth and myself would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! And a very blessed New Year!

Peace!  
Greg and Beth

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Order your flowers now and help beautify our  
Sanctuary for Christmas

Price per 6 1/2" pot is \$9.50

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

No of Plants: \_\_\_\_\_

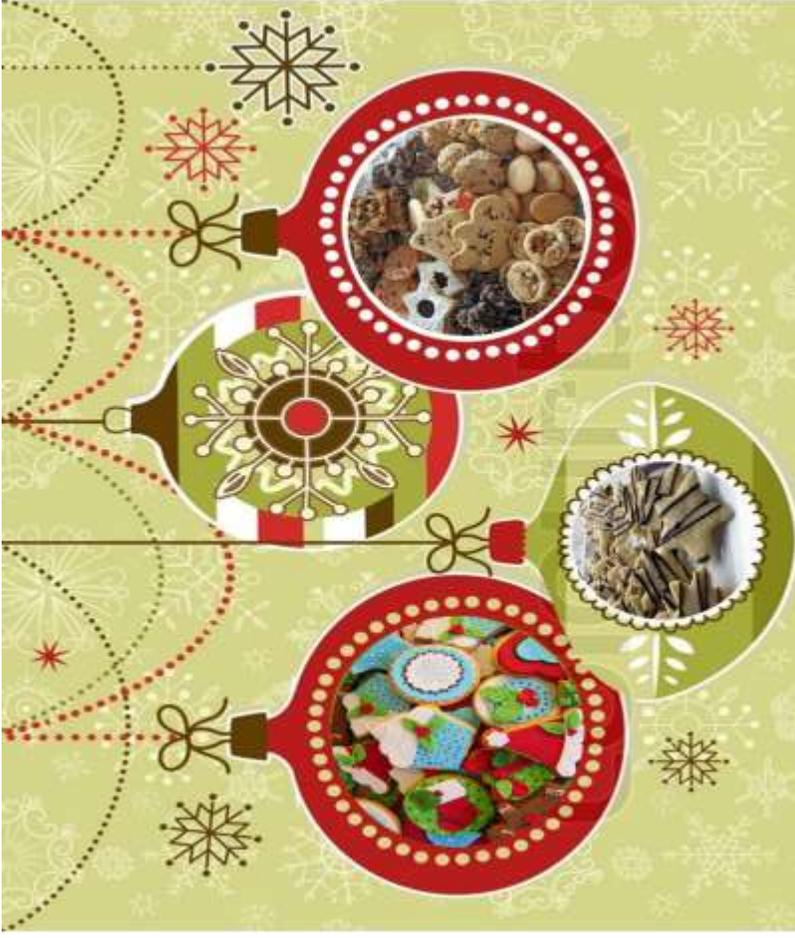
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To the glory of God: \_\_\_\_\_

Plants may be taken home after 10  
p.m. service on Christmas Eve.  
Deadline is December 15th. Payment  
must accompany order form.



# Christmas Cookie Walk

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 AT 11:15

## Cookies are \$10/box

Due to the nature of Christmas Cookies, nuts are  
acceptable at this event.

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A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our very successful Venetian Night on November 9. Many people commented on the lovely decorations, the good time they were having at a social evening with friends and new acquaintances, the spirited bidding on the many items donated for the silent auction, to the delicious dinner everyone enjoyed. None of this would have been possible without the efforts of the auction item team--Karen Daniels, David Slaght, Jan Jeffrey, Sarane Siewerth, and Dawn Bode, along with Doris Stengl, who prepared all the mailings to prospective business donors. Bruce Siewerth made all the signs identifying each of the auction items. Set-up of the whole room was accomplished by Dick and Marie Hoffman, Sue Acer, Jim and Sharon Gernady, Barb Galarza, David Slaght, and Chris Ernst. The delicious appetizers, the dinner, and the overall management of the food were provided by Marianne Brackey, Curt Corbige, Linda and Dave Kleckner, Jan Hutchins, and Paula Stoddard. The Boy Scouts contributed their efforts to helping in the kitchen, during the dinner, and cleaning up, while Jan Jeffrey and Ethel Doyle managed the final kitchen cleanup. The children's pizza party and activities were expertly handled by Heidi Ortiz, and Scott Daniels, the Peterson family, and other church members cleaned up the Social Hall. Sue Acer was in charge of all the financial aspects of the evening, including the checkout process, and Dave Kleckner arranged for the availability of charge card checkout. Finally, thanks to all of you who supported the church by coming to the dinner and having such a good time.

~The Finance Committee.

### **IRA Rollover Opportunity!**

The Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act, popularly known as the IRA charitable rollover, has been made permanent. This provides you with the ability to roll over directly from your IRA, up to \$100,000 without tax consequence and without treating the contribution as taxable income, to a qualified charitable organization.

If you are considering an year-end gift to Glenview UMC, you may want to take advantage of this IRA opportunity and make your tax deductible gift.

### **How It Works**

- You are 70½ or older and instruct your plan administrator to make a direct transfer to Glenview UMC.
- Plan administrator makes transfer as directed to Glenview UMC.

### **Benefits**

- Your gift is transferred directly to GUMC; since you do not receive the funds, they are not included in your gross income (thus no income-tax charitable deduction is allowed for the transfer).
- Your gift will count towards your minimum distribution requirement.
- You support ministries important to you at Glenview UMC.

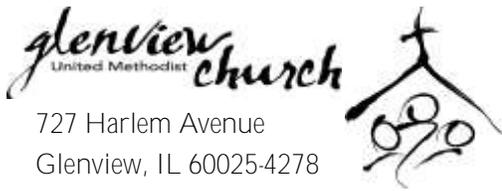
### **Steps to take to make your gift:**

- If you want to make a qualifying transfer, contact your IRA administrator and instruct that person to transfer funds to Glenview UMC.
- Contact pastor Choi at [echoi@glenviewumc.org](mailto:echoi@glenviewumc.org) or Dick Hoffman (finance Committee co-chair) at [rhhoffl@gmail.com](mailto:rhhoffl@gmail.com). They will answer your questions and provide help for completing your gift.

On behalf of the Glenview United Methodist Church we thank you for considering this opportunity to support our ministries.

Blessings!

Finance Committee of GUMC



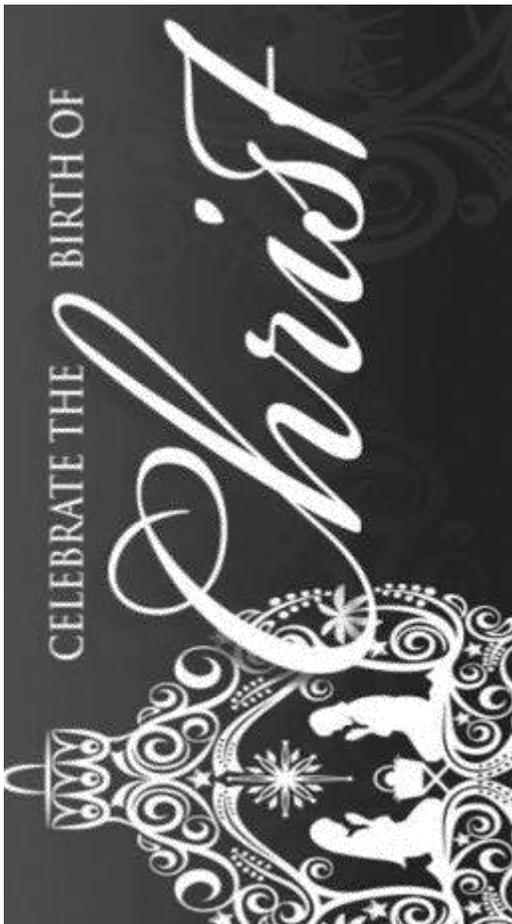
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## Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24

*Worship with Carols & Candlelight - 4:00 p.m.*  
*All are invited to worship together with candlelight and to enter into the holiness of the birth of Jesus.*

*Traditional Worship Celebration - 10:00 p.m.*  
*Carols, Candles, Choir and Communion! Join in this most joyous celebration in our Christian life. Christ is born!*