

The

Visitor

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

Dear friends,

Do you remember our Stewardship Chairperson, Sarane Siewerth's letter for this year's Stewardship Campaign? She retold a children's story of Stone Soup. I like the story because it reminds us that even in a difficult time, we always have something to share and something to be thankful for. And when we come together as a family and as a faith community to share and to give thanks, miracles happen. The joy multiplies among us! Have you heard of a Gratitude Jar? You simply designate a jar and prepare paper strips. Then, ask your family members to write what they are thankful for on a paper strip each day. At dinner time a person reads a strip from the gratitude jar as a table grace. In this practice our gratitude becomes a thanksgiving prayer to God.

If we do it as a faith community, what would you write down today? What are you thankful for about your church? I am thankful for our ancestors of faith who had great visions and built the church at this beautiful location. I thank them for leaving us a legacy of "Hearts for Children and Hands for Service." I recently read a story of our church in the book, "Glenview: The First Centennial" by the Glenview History Center. It says when the people of the little white Methodist Church on Church street moved to the current location, they had a vision to educate children of the town, not just of the church. That's why they built amazing education wings and the social hall. It is in our church's DNA that we are a church wanting to



serve the community. Now we are the people who carry out their visions in the current contexts. Thanks be to God!

Would you take some time one Sunday after worship or one evening before your committee meeting or choir rehearsal to look around the church and find what needs we have. Please read all flyers, posters and monthly calendar. Please look around the sanctuary. Please go to the kitchen, Sunday School classrooms and youth rooms. There might be a small need you see that you can help with. We are partners in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We also express our thanks to God with our Thanksgiving offering. There is a Thanksgiving offering envelop in this newsletter. When we come together a miracle happens. God is with us!

In sincere thanksgiving,

Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

Member News & Happenings!

Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

Scott Harr	Judy Neuberger
Tom Schroeder	Damian Neuberger
Jessica Gimeno	Mariann Randle
Tita Gimeno	Chris Ernst

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



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism! We welcome Addison Carty Davis to the family of God. Addison is the daughter of Charles and Kristin Davis. Her sponsor is her aunt, Hannah Russell. Addison is the granddaughter to Sheri Staten.



Please remember to turn in your 2020 pledge card. Extras are available at church on Sunday, or you can call the office and have one mailed to you. If you would like to set up automatic withdrawals from your checking or savings,

please request a banking form from the church office. Thank you!

Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service. Join in this Thanksgiving tradition in Glenview! People of faith from different traditions and denominations will join together to give thanks. A joint interfaith choir will be singing. If you want to join the choir come 30 minutes early to practice.

Tuesday, November 26 at 7:30
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
2328 Central Rd

Sponsored by The Glenview Clergy Association

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. November Lunch Bunch Outing is at a Korean restaurant! We will meet at **San Soo Gab San Korean BBQ** on November 19 at 1pm. This restaurant has a variety Korean food that anyone can enjoy. Pastor Choi will help you to choose your menu. Address is 7901 Golf Rd, Morton Grove, IL 60053 and phone number is (847) 972-1252.

New Email Addresses:

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64 Silo Ridge Rd. So.
Orland Park, IL. 60467
708-966-2150

Remember! You can also go to our website, click on "directory" and access it on your phone or laptop. This is updated every Tuesday! Call the church office for the password.

Hands for Service Ways to Grow

Loose Coins and Singles in November will be donated to Dignity Diner: The mission of Dignity Diner, a restaurant -style meal program, is to feed the homeless and hungry with respect and dignity. Every Tuesday night they feed approximately 50 homeless and hungry patrons. The diner is located at Holy Covenant church in the Lincoln Park area.

SCRIP is a NO-COST fundraiser for our GUMYouth mission trip to Appalachia. When you buy a gift card from our SCRIP Program you pay only the face value, not a penny extra. (Your cost is \$25 to get a \$25 gift card.) Your purchase of grocery, restaurant, clothing, gas station and entertainment gift cards nets our church between 2% -- 20% of your purchase price. Your purchases have raised more than \$5,000.00 for GUMC's mission work over the last five years. A SCRIP order form is included with this *Visitor*.

The Missions Committee would like to thank the congregation for its generous support during the month of September for A Just Harvest. Coins and Singles totaled \$561.26. Also, the UMCOR International Collection for Hurricane Dorian totaled \$500.00 and the UMCOR US Collection for Hurricane Dorian totaled \$330.00. Thank you again.

Help Feed the Hungry! GUMC and Trinity UMC go to A JUST HARVEST COMMUNITY KITCHEN to feed the neighborhood every third Friday from 5-7. We plate and serve restaurant style. Contact Ethel Doyle if you would be interested in serving. The next date is November 15.

The Heart Knows Wonder

a pre-Advent Workshop and Worship for Clergy & Laity

Wednesday, November 20

10 am- 12 noon

Northbrook UMC

(1190 Western Ave, Northbrook IL 60062)

On Wednesday morning, November 20, everyone is invited ~ clergy & lay ~ to come to a pre-Advent Workshop and Worship at Northbrook UMC. We'll start with an hour or so talking about *Heart Math* (<https://www.heartmath.com>). Woody Bedell, NIC Director of Human Services, has been doing it for years and will be serving as a facilitator. Then, we will move into a time of worship. A perfect way to begin Advent in wonder, in worship and in community.

Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway?

Please stop by the sign-up board located outside the social hall and choose one or more needy people for whom you'd like to provide Christmas gifts. For most of those listed, ours will be their only gifts.

Let's all make participation in the program one of our Christmas traditions, and take advantage of this opportunity to remember the true meaning of Christmas and to experience the real joy of giving.

The Mitten Tree & Blankets

Too: Nov. 17 to Jan 4 -

Collecting new or gently used mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, coats, boots, and clothes for all ages. And bedding & blankets. Hang them on or put them under the tree in the Social Hall. The items will go to Olivet UMC.



From the Director of Sunday School!

Philippians 4:8, ESV: *"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."*

What a great verse! As November begins, we start to turn our minds to Thanksgiving and our hearts towards gratitude. As a parent, I'm reminded not only should I be grateful, somehow I'm also supposed to teach gratitude to my kids. Perhaps it would be easier if I were a naturally optimistic person (I'm not). But I read a story ⁽¹⁾ recently about Kurt Vonnegut (of all people to pop up in a church newsletter!) He had an uncle that would interrupt a pleasant moment and say "If this isn't nice, I don't know what is!" It sort of functions as the opposite of complaining -- just pointing out how great something is. So, I'm going to take that Bible verse, and say those things out loud, so my kids can also see an example of gratitude. In doing it for my kids, hopefully, it will help me increase my gratitude also.

Speaking of gratitude, I wanted to say a special thank you to everyone who participated in the Trunk or Treat event, it was so much fun for everyone. Also, thank you to the Mission Committee for the lunch after service. Throw in perfect weather, it was definitely in the category of "If this isn't nice, I don't know what is!"

-- Heidi

¹⁾ Use Kurt Vonnegut's Happiness Trick <https://lifehacker.com/use-kurt-vonneguts-happiness-trick-1839029198>

North Shore Dance & Theater

Proudly Presents...



The popular story of true love and acceptance between sisters makes its debut in Glenview! Join Anna, Elsa, Olaf and the entire cast of beloved characters on an adventure loaded with magic, humor, and music you can't help but sing along to!

Friday, November 22nd at 7pm

Saturday, November 23rd at 7pm

Sunday, November 24th at 2pm

Shows are held at GUMC



Kids come for pizza, a movie and toys

while your parents are at

AN EVENING IN VENICE!

RSVP to the office or Heidi Ortiz

venture with beth and greg

A little bit colder, a little bit rainier, and a lot more bit darker! Welcome to fall in Chicago! But we're not going to let a little rain and cold and darkness before dinner get us down! We have too much to celebrate and too much fun coming up! Looking back on October, we had a great turnout for what was a gorgeous day for Crop Walk at Northfield Community Church. The next Sunday our friends from Olivet joined us for a morning of worship and fellowship followed by our Annual Trunk or Treat event in our parking lot. At my last count we had 24 cars/vans/SUVs that created creepy Halloween scenes and passed out candy to the kids from GUMC and Olivet... so much fun! A big thanks to all who donated costumes for the children from Olivet.

Looking forward to November (and December too) please save these dates!

Saturday November 2nd we will be taking a group of 11 6-12th graders up to Covenant Harbor for a day long team building retreat! The kids will participate in team building activities on the low ropes and high ropes courses. Please help us by praying for good weather and a safe trip there and back!

For the entire month of November the 6th and 7th graders will meet with B&G in the Youth Room during worship. That's the 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th. Please try to be there as often as you can as we will begin preparing for the Christmas Program on December 8

We will be selling SCRIPS for ASP on Sunday the 3rd, 10th and 17th..we need at least two GUMY Youth to volunteer on each of those Sundays, please send us an email with dates you can help.

On Sunday November 24 and December 1st GUMY Youth will help distribute SCRIPS so we'll need a couple of youth for each Sunday.

Thursday morning November 28th we will have our 1st Annual (hopefully!) GUMC Youth and College-age Turkey Bowl touch football game on the front yard. Be there at 9am and work up your appetite for your Thanksgiving dinners!

Finally make sure you save these important dates as we prepare and perform our annual Christmas Program. We will hold our Dress Rehearsal on Saturday December 7th from 9-11am and the program will take place during worship on Sunday the 8th (we will also meet early tbd on the 8th)

Peace!
Greg and Beth

Sharing in Service with our Sister Church, Olivet UMC

We at GUMC are so fortunate to be in a Sister Church relationship with the congregation of Olivet UMC, which is located in the Austin neighborhood of Chicago. We have been in relationship together for over 15 years and during that time our bond has strengthened and grown our opportunities to join together in service.

Olivet UMC is very ministries focused with all of their ministries being directed toward serving needs in the local community. "Methodist In Action (MIA)" is the name given to their program. The name is intended to remind everyone how important it is to "take action in our community". The congregation truly cares about the community surrounding the church. There is great need and Olivet has been able to expand what they do for people thanks to their relationships with GUMC and their two "younger" Sister Churches, Hinsdale UMC, (in relationship over 10 years) and Euclid UMC (5 years). It is truly amazing all that Olivet's vision and leadership has brought forth with the assistance of these ongoing bonds of Church Sisterhood.

But our bond has not only grown from our joining together in service to the community, but also from our joining together in another kind of service. Twice a year we enjoy worshipping together, taking turns meeting in one another's sanctuaries and hearing the Word interpreted by our "pulpit exchanging" Pastors. Of course, there is always music, and sometimes dance! Whether from a choir, a soloist, a duo, from adults, teens, or little children, this expression of worship is welcomed warmly and with much celebration. After we feed our souls and longing for learning, we head to the social hall to feed our bodies! Most recently, we gathered at GUMC on October 27th, where we enjoyed a light lunch and then the sweet and not-so-scary seasonal fun of Trunk or Treat. Our next formal communal worship event will occur in early 2020 at Olivet on a Sunday to be determined...and not to be missed!

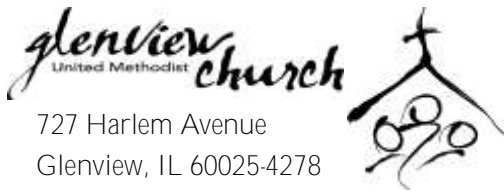
See how many of these Olivet MIA ministries you recognize as already connected to activities at GUMC:

Children: Helping to supply children in the community with Back-to-School supplies, clothing, Christmas gifts & Easter bags.

Warming Ministry - A ministry to help the community with coats, blankets, hats & scarfs and any clothing that will help them to cope with the colder weather.

Holiday Meals: Giving Easter, Thanksgiving & Christmas baskets to the families within the community ("as many as we are able to") to bless their tables

SOS - "Serving Our Seniors"- A program showing seniors that are in nursing homes and around the community that the congregation remembers and cares about them by presenting them with gifts & personal items when they may have thought everyone had forgotten about their needs



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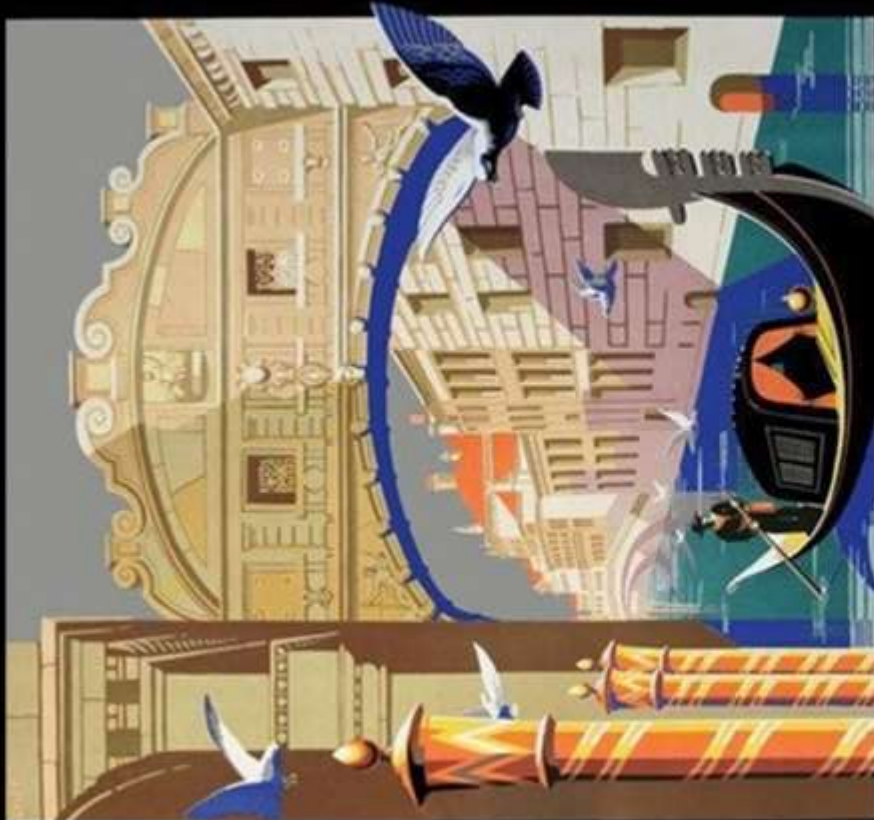
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AN EVENING IN VENICE



DINNER AND AUCTION
5:30 P.M. NOVEMBER 9
GLENVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ITALIAN DELIGHTS BY CHEFS BRACKEY AND CORBIGE
MENU ITEMS INCLUDE APPETIZERS, CHICKEN & PASTA & VEGETARIAN

RESERVATIONS BEGIN OCTOBER 6
SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$25 KIDS UNDER 11 FREE
BRING A NON-CHURCH MEMBER FOR FREE

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF AUCTION ITEMS - PLEASE CONTACT
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