

The Visitor

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

Dear friends,

I feel like it was yesterday when I prepared for the first Christmas Eve services at Glenview UMC last year. I feel I came a long way to get to know the people, history, and hopes of GUMC. When I look around at the faces during Sunday worship, fellowship hour, Bible study, committee meetings, and personal visits, I thank God that you and I have come closer toward the common purpose: Love God and love our neighbors. My sincere 'thank-you' to you for sharing your stories and thoughts. Thank you for opening your hearts and homes to me to learn about you. Thank you for taking the journey of faith with me.

There have been many joys, and some struggles this year as a faith community at GUMC. We were sad to say goodbye to people of GUMC who moved to other states. They are truly missed. We were happy to receive new people to our church. We thrive to welcome all God's people to the love of Jesus Christ. We are the people with hearts for children and hands for mission. I thank you for your open hearts. I thank all the leaders of our church from Sunday School teachers, sanctuary choir and hand bell choir members, ushers, youth leaders, committee chairs and members, United Methodist Women, mission volunteers, and more. I thank all the prayer warriors

of our church who pray, visit, write cards, and care for the sick and the lonely. Their hearts are so big! I also thank our staff who are fun-loving, creative, dedicated, and faithful. I love our staff meetings where we pray together and plan for ministries.

What dreams and hopes do you have for you, your family and church when we prepare for the new year? I have two dreams for our church. They are finding your passions and connecting them to fruitful ministry and growing our church in number. But they are just my wishes. I know that we need to discern God's will for us and follow it. That takes lots of faith and courage because we need to lay down our own wishes and listen to God. My prayer for GUMC is that we trust in God's guidance to be the light and salt of the world even when we journey toward an unknown future. "The true light that gives light to everyone is coming into the world." We will celebrate the true light on Epiphany Sunday, the first Sunday of the new year. I will give you a 'star word' during worship to meditate on and follow in the year 2020. Happy New Year!

In gratitude

Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

Member News & Happenings!

Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

Scott Harr	Shirlee Gervens
Tom Schroeder	Susan Urban
Judy Neuberger	Alice Ramos
Damian Neuberger	Joy Forman
Chris Ernst	

Please let us know if there is a concern in your family.
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GUMC and the GIFT of New Members! We welcomed the following people as members of our congregation on Sunday, November 17.

Susanne Rudolph and her daughters Robin and Taylor Woitesek and Amy Kehoe.

Cookie Walk News! Thanks to all our walkers and bakers! We made \$750. All proceeds go to the church.



Thank you everyone! We raised \$300 on our Congregational Christmas Card this year. This money will go towards our Appalachia Service Project trip during this upcoming summer.

2019 Taxes: Please be sure your monetary donation to the church for the year 2019, for tax purposes, is dated and received by December 31, 2019.

UMW Sunday: January 26; Join us in worship for our annual event.

Whose Birthday and Olivet Thanks!
Thanks so much to everyone who generously participated in our thirty-fourth annual Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway program and our Olivet toy collection. As always, the recipients were very appreciateive. Thanks also for getting everything to church on time, which makes everything run smoothly. Last but not least,

special thanks to the following people whose help was indispensable: Dana and Matt Booker, Ethel and Larry Doyle, Ken Ready and Doris Stengl
~Sue Ready

2020 Altar Flowers: We invite the congregation to commemorate a special occasion, such as a birthday, anniversary or a child's special achievement by hosting the altar flowers on Sunday. On your flower Sunday, a note commemorating your event will be published in the Sunday Bulletin. Of course, "To the Glory of God" is always a good choice too. There is a small fee for the flowers and you may take them home to enjoy following the service.



January 1 Closed
January 2 Open 9-3
January 3 closed



Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Layla Catiana Torrez was baptized in our sanctuary on Sunday, December 22. She is the daughter of Gonzalo and Jaslin Velez Torres and the granddaughter of Betty Velez. We welcome her into our family of faith.

Pastoral care for our church family! Too often we find out about illnesses, crises and hospitalizations after they occur. This is a missed opportunity for the calls and visits we would like to share. Please let us know if there is a concern in your family or in another congregants family (with their permission) We need your help in order to offer ours.

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Ways to Grow Hands for Service

New Bible Study

The Call:

The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

beginning January 8(Social Hall Classrooms)

Sundays at 8:45 a.m.

beginning January 12 (Pastor’s office)

A new Bible study focusing on Paul will begin after the new year. We will study Rev. Adam Hamilton’s book, *The Call*. In the book he says, “What would lead a first-century rabbi to travel thousands of miles by sea and by land, to be beaten, imprisoned, and ultimately beheaded for his faith? It was a call – a call to turn the world upside down.” The study books are in the church office. The cost is \$10/copy. Bring your own Bible and invite your friends! For more detail information contact Pastor Choi at echoi@glenviewumc.org.

GUMC Travels! Any and all are welcome to join in worship on Sunday, February 16 at Olivet UMC. Pastor Eun-Hye will preach.



NIC Reconciling Ministries is holding the annual Winter Warming gathering for people who believe ALL means ALL in the UMC.

Sat, January 18, 2020
9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Community United Methodist Church
20 Center St., Naperville, IL 60540

Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Day, Jan. 20. - Projects for ages 5 - 105. Join in this feel-good day of helping others with people from other faith and community organizations. To register on line:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0945AAA722A1F58-mlkservice>, or after church in the Social Hall, on the posters in the Parlor or Social Hall or contact Ethel Doyle, lareth@aol.com

Ways to Play!

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 will meet January 21 at **Elly's Pancake House of Glenview, 1624 Milwaukee Ave.**



The Boy Scout troop we sponsor, Troop 69, is holding its annual Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction on Sunday morning, February 9, 2020. This breakfast is scheduled from 8:30 am to 10:00 am, and from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. They will be serving delicious pancakes with real-fruit homemade toppings, sausages, coffee, and orange juice. It’s all you can eat! Please plan to attend this breakfast. *The Scouts assist us out throughout the year with events such as: Rally Day, Rummage Sale, Spaghetti Dinner cleanup and other projects. We like to help them out as well, and the food is terrific!*

Stephen Ministry is one-on-one, confidential caring ministry offered by GUMC to all who may need additional support during a particularly stressful or difficult time in your life. For more information or to confidentially discuss your needs, contact Stephen Leader: Ethel Doyle, 847-965-5417.

venture with beth and greg

Sun., 1/5 Join us for worship at 10am. GUMY will meet at 6pm in the Youth Room

Sun., 1/12 10am 6th and 7th grade meet during Worship in Youth Room

Sun., 1/19 Join us for worship at 10am. GUMY will meet at 6pm in the Youth Room

Mon., 1/20 MLK Day of service. Details to follow via email updates from Beth and Greg

Sun., 1/26 10am 6th and 7th grade meet during Worship in Youth Room

Immediately following worship in the Social Hall is the Annual GUMY/ASP Chili Cook Off! We need your chili! So bring your favorite recipe and enter it into one of the categories (Hottest, Best Vegetarian, Best Overall etc), and bring your cash to try all of our amazing chili's and donate to a great cause! GUMY Youth will meet at 8:30am for help with setup!

See you in Church!

Greg and Beth

Loose coins and singles will be donated to: Fostering Dignity. Fostering Dignity, is an IL nonprofit, who supplies backpacks to social workers who will give them to an abused child when they need to remove them from their abusive environment. Instead of a garbage bag, they can put their things in a backpack, giving them a bit more dignity during a very traumatic time.

Get the App! We want to make your giving easier with electronic giving. Please go to our website at glviewumc.org and use the "Donation" button. You also can give using your cell phone! Please download "GivePlus Church" app to your phone and give anytime. You can choose one-time or recurring gifts. It is a safe and secure way of giving. We are thankful for your generous spirit and giving.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Well, January has arrived and in the process of think about New Year's resolutions (and anti-resolutions; yes, Google says this is a thing). I almost want to scream "we're all fine humans! Can we just relax about constant self-improvement?" But of course, that over looks several things that do need improvement.

I actually remember quite clearly my resolution from last year. My daughter heard a news report that scientific research suggests that kids need 12 hugs per day. So I resolved to give my kids 12 hugs every day. Actually, I didn't follow even such an easy resolution. But, when I did remember, I didn't bother feeling bad about my "failing". I just felt joy giving my kids 12 hugs in a row. So as we approach this new year, I hope you will find small resolutions that touch your heart with joy.

~Heidi Ortiz

Best Wishes

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The relation between Christmas and New Year's is one that is often missed. Sure they are only a week apart, but it is the birth, the new life of God's child in us that makes new beginnings and a new year possible. The staff at Glenview United Methodist Church wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

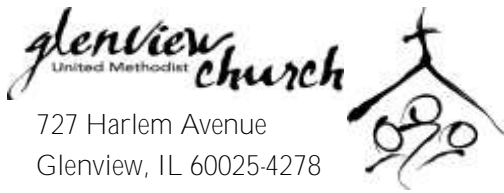


We find so many ways to say it. But the old familiar words are best: so from every member of the staff we pray that you will have a blessed and Christ-centered Christmas season and for God's richest and choicest blessings for you and yours both now, as we pause with the world to remember the birth of our Lord, and throughout every day in 2020.

*Christmas Greetings
Friends!*



to our Members and



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Following the loving example of Jesus Christ, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person as a beloved child of God. We welcome into the life and ministry of Glenview United Methodist Church all persons of every age, ability, race, gender identity, ethnicity, nationality, marital status, sexual orientation, family configuration, or socioeconomic or employment status.

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Glenview United Methodist Youth

WANTED



**THE BEST CHILI
IN TOWN!**

2020 CHILI COOKOFF
SUNDAY, January 26 11:15 a.m.

Proceeds benefit the ASP Youth Mission trip.

Tasters: \$5 a spoon/\$20 per family

Cooks: Deadline to enter January 19 (outside the social hall)

Prizes: Hottest, Best Presentation,

Most Original, Best Overall