

The Visitor

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

Dear friends,

We don't see the signs of spring yet, but the season of Lent reminds us that spring is coming surely. The word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means "Spring." As you know Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. It is a time for us to practice our faith intentionally, such as fasting, almsgiving, prayers, communal worship, study, and many more. Some people asked me in the past whether it was OK to eat meat during Lent. My thought on that issue was, if we don't eat meat during Lent and still live by our own wills and desires, what good was not eating meat? As Paul said to the Corinthian church, food is for our body and our body is for God. Our body is God's holy temple, not because of what we eat, but because we practice faith in daily lives in our actions. I want to invite you to think about which faith practices you feel called to do during this Lent.

I suggest that we keep balance in three areas of Lenten practice: almsgiving, prayer/worship, and outreach. We can fast from eating out or entertainment and donate money to any charities in our community. We can practice different types of prayers at home and church, such as Centering Prayer, intercessory prayer or healing anointment.

We can attend a feeding ministry or tending to nature. A person I knew started a recycling ministry during Lent at her church and its impact has been growing every year. If you feel you are called for particular actions this Lent, please let me know. I want to be a ministry partner with you.

My prayers for you and our church for this Lent is that we find joy in the life of faith, keep praising God for calling us God's children, and become more generous in daily life. There is information in this newsletter about Lenten study groups (with the book, "24 Hours that Changed the World"), discussion meetings with soup dinner, Centering Prayer gatherings, and more. I hope they help your Lenten journey. May God give us faith, even if it's the size of a mustard seed!

In gratitude,
Pastor, Eun-Hye Choi

Member News & Happenings!

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

Tom Schroeder

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



Centering Prayer Meetings

Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer in which we experience God's presence within us. Centering Prayer emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God. Are you interested in Centering Prayer? Pastor Choi will guide your Centering Prayer during Lent. We will meet three Thursday evenings: March 5 and 19, and April 5 from 6 :30 to 7:30pm in the Pastor's office. All who are new or long-time Centering Prayer practitioners are welcome. Come in comfortable clothes and open hearts to be changed by the Holy Spirit. Please just show up. You don't need to register.

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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Chili Cook Off Results! Thank you to our chefs: Susanne Rudolph/Mike and Gina Vilches
Janet Ferrone, Pastor Eun Hye Choi, Dan Geiger, Eileen, Mike and Anne Ribordy, Stephen and Wyatt Cummings, Peter Cummings and Family, Heidi Ortiz and girls, Melissa



Read and girls, The Kehoe Family
Mikko Espino and Family, The Keenan Family, The DeBaker Family, Evan Mohr and Parents, Barb Galarza, Sharon Gernady
WINNER - Best Overall, Evan Mohr
WINNER - Most Original, Janet Ferrone
WINNER - Best Presentation, Susanne Rudolph, Mike and Gina Vilches
WINNER - Hottest Chili, The DeBaker Family

Thank you for your support of Souper Bowl of Caring. On February 2, the congregation donated 105 total food items and \$285 in cash donations.



Ways to Grow



Soup with Substance Lent Program: Nurturing the Soul

Four pastors of our church will share books that they

believe are important to nurture our souls during Lent. They will give a one-page book review and prepare discussion questions. Reading the book is not required. There will be soup and bread dinner before the gatherings.

Dates: March 4, 11, 18 and April 1. (Wednesdays)

Time: Starting at 6pm with dinner and end at 7pm

Books: The Second Mountain by David Brooks (Pastor Eun-Hye Choi)

Gracism: The Art of Inclusion by David A. Anderson (Chris Walters)

Final Gifts: Understanding the Special Awareness, Needs, and Communications of the Dying by Maggie Callanan and Patricia Kelley (Tim Lankford & Pastor Eun-Hye Choi)

Happy Surprises: Help Others Discover the Joy of Giving by David Heetland (David Heetland)

Lenten Bible Study:

24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

During the six weeks of Lent we will study Rev. Adam Hamilton's book, *24 Hours That Changed the World*. The book guides us to walk with Jesus on his final day on earth: Sit with him at the last supper, pray with him in Gethsemane, follow him to the cross, desert him and deny him. The Sunday morning group starts on March 1st at 8:45am The Wednesday morning group will meet at 10:00am starting on March 4. Both days will meet in room 10b. Books are in the church office for \$10 per copy. With any question, contact pastor Choi at echoi@glenviewumc.org

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As we focus on reflective prayer and all the preparations in Lent, we are also aware of what still needs to be done for our ASP 2020 mission trip. I received some questions about the total cost for ASP. Following is a breakdown of total costs. We have had a strong start but also have a long way to go to cover all the costs. There will be three more dine-n-dollars events, the ASP sponsorship board will be available each Sunday until June for those of you who would like to donate a specific need for ASP and we will have one more round of Scrip sales this spring. We currently have 20 ASP 2020 participants and will have sent in our Commitment Form and Deposit on March 1st!

With the "busyness" of lives as seems apropos to our slice of the world, we hope that each of you will have the opportunity to slow down during Lent in order to reflect, pray and prepare.

Peace,

ASP BUDGET/GOAL

\$350/ youth	\$4200 - \$5250
\$350/ adult	\$2800
4 Vans	\$7,200
Gas for 4 Vans	\$1,000
Group Meals (1 Breakfast, 1 Dinner, Ice Cream Night)	\$500
Emergency Funds	\$500
Gifts (Thank you for GUMC folk/ Gifts for ASP Families)	\$250
Donation to ASP Center (for supplies)	\$200
Donation to ASP Staff	\$100
Cash For Vans (Snacks, Ice, Emergency)	\$800
TOTAL COST OF ASP TRIP	\$18,600
MINUS youth payments	- \$5250
Fundraising goal!	\$13,350

Ways to Play! Hands for Service

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 **Tuesday, March 17 at**

Hackney's On Lake, 1514 E Lake Ave, Glenview,

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP AT

HEINEN'S. Come join your church friends for a fun evening of wine tasting and hor' d'oeuvres on Thursday, March 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. Space is limited so call the church office to tell us you are coming.



Everyone's favorite Candy Man is coming to Glenview this March!

Come join the search for the golden tickets to tour Willy Wonka's chocolate factory, a land of pure imagination, filled with mysterious rooms, crazy inventions, Oompa Loompas and delicious sweets. You won't want to miss this family-friendly scumdidilyumptious production!

Friday, March 6th at 7pm

Saturday, March 7th at 2pm & 7pm

Sunday, March 8th at 2pm

Loose coins and singles for March will go to: Heifer Project International.

Heifer works to end hunger and poverty in partnership with the communities they serve. The programs support entrepreneurs around the world, creating lasting change from the ground up. It begins with a seed investment of livestock or agriculture, followed by mentorship to help project participants build a business, and ultimately to gain access to supply chains and markets. These families are able to earn a living income and continuously lift up their communities as they train the next generation of leaders. By supporting and training the world's farmers, ranchers, and female business owners, we're investing in a new breed of success.

Fostering Dignity Update:

January's Coins & Singles collection was for supplying social workers with backpacks when required to secure a child from an unsafe home and going into foster care. Backpacks give the child a bit more dignity to pack their things in rather than the commonly used garbage bag. You generously gave \$540.29. The Missions & Service Ministry Committee donated enough from a designated fund to send a total of \$1,000.00 to Fostering Dignity. Linda Duback contacted social service agencies in our area. There are 25 backpacks per box and she delivered, at their request, one box to Deerfield and three boxes to Waukegan. Thank you, thank you for your part in helping to give some dignity to a most vulnerable child at a very difficult time in their life. And, thank you Linda! M&SM Committee

venture with beth and greg

I read the other day that along with the solemn reflection, repentance and preparation that Christians observe through Lent, it is also a time for denial of ego. As a cultural stereotype, we are governed by our ego and therefore to shift our focus can be challenging. But that is exactly what God asks us to do. We are all fortunate to be part of the GUMC community to be our support system through such journeys. It is humbling to receive the amount of support GUMYouth and ASP has from the GUMC community and it makes this shift, to think of others before ourselves, much less daunting. So many people to thank before we move into March. For everyone...

- ◆ that donated, made or tasted chili for the Chili Cook-off - Thank you! And congratulations to Janet Ferrone, Evan Mohr, Susanne Rudolph and Gina and Mike Vilches for your award winning chilis!
- ◆ that brought in can goods or made a donation for the Souper Bowl of Caring to help feed the hungry in our own community - thank you!
- ◆ who purchased Scrip in February - thank you!
- ◆ who already grabbed a ticket from the ASP sponsor board and made a donation - thank you!
- ◆ that joined us for lunch at Culvers on 2/16 for our dine-n-dollars fundraiser for ASP - thank you!

One final thank you to the United Methodist Foundation and the grant we received for our new Open Mic ministry - a safe, supportive and welcoming space for youth 6th grade on up to share their musical and artistic talents. We look forward to the next Open Mic on **March 1st**. We invite and encourage anyone 6th grade on up who would like to share their vocal, instrumental, poetic or comedic talents to join us. Other important dates to put on your calendar are...

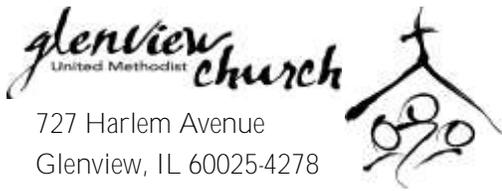
- ◆ Sun., 3/1 6th - 12th grade meet during Sunday School (work for youth led service)
Open Mic 6 pm - invite friends!!!
- ◆ Sun., 3/15 6th - 12th grade meet during Sunday School (work on youth led service)
1:00 - 4:00 ASP safety and tool training with dinner at Potbellies to follow
(ASP dine-n-dollar dinner from 2 pm - 7 pm at Potbellies on the Glen)
- ◆ Sun., 3/29 6th - 12th grade meet during Sunday school (work on Youth led Service)
- ◆ Sun., 4/5 Worship 10 am - Youth Led Service
6th - 12th graders meet at 8:45 to prepare for youth led service

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Notes for Sunday School:

March is here and we are all hoping for a lovely spring and welcoming the return of sunshine after 5 pm! You won't want to miss Sunday School in March. We will be learning about the life and ministry of Jesus, including the stories of Mary Anointing Jesus, Jesus washing the disciples feet, the Lord's Prayer and the Last Supper. I hope you can make time in your busy schedule to join us!

~Heidi Ortiz



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Lenten Sermon Series: Characteristics

Sunday Mornings at
 10:00 a.m.

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We may think being disciples of Jesus Christ means we become a certain ideal character for the work of church. But the twelve disciples of Jesus had different characteristics, flaws, strengths, passions and motivations. Jesus also had friends and disciples beyond the circle of twelve, including women.

During this Lent we will investigate several Jesus' disciples to discover our own discipleship.

- March 1 Nathanael, the Dreamer
- March 8 Philip, the Evangelist
- March 15 Peter, the Denier
- March 22 John, the Lover
- March 29 Judas, the Betrayer
- April 4 Palm Sunday
(Youth Led Service)
- April 12 Easter: Mary Magdalene,
the Witness
- April 19 Thomas, the Doubter