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GUMC is a Reconciling Congregation

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.

Get Your Monthly Visitor
online at:
www.glenviewumc.org

GUMC is Open

- Virtually
- Via Phone
- Via Email
- Via USPS Mail

We invite you to worship with us on Sunday morning.
There are two ways to watch the service:

Glenview United Methodist Church Facebook page.

YouTube: Search for Glenview United Methodist Church.

Turn up the volume and enjoy Time for Children, Scripture Readings, the Sermon and Announcements following the postlude.
An email is sent Sunday mornings at 9:30 with link to the service.

Meetings and book studies are done via ZOOM.
It is FREE and easy to participate!

Contact the office for more information.



Church
Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
the office is open from
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Dear friends,

Nowadays we are hearing more about reopening society, including churches. We are tired of isolation but there is no bright sign that we are safe now to restart the activities of in-person gatherings. What do you miss the most during this time of isolation? My son misses school band activities. I miss Friday breakfasts with Chris in local restaurants and running into some of you accidentally. People miss going to beaches, theaters, museums, libraries, shopping malls, gardens, volunteer places, and church.

During this pandemic, people are baking at home, planting flowers and vegetables in their gardens, doing yoga and meditation, watching movies on Netflix, reading books which were laying on their shelves for a long time, and visiting Sunday worship services on social medias. I heard that the on-line registration of Alpha study which is based in London, teaching basic Christian beliefs, grew to triple this size during this pandemic. Some Christian leaders are excited about people coming back to God and church if we have used social medias effectively. I am not so sure about it.

I remember the Sunday after September 11 in 2001. On that Sunday, the church where I served at that time was packed with new anxious faces. During the week, I prepared a sermon based on Job's story and told the worried Americans that we had to embrace sufferings in silence with trust in God rather than to rush to return to normal. They dropped their heads in doubts and never showed up again, not even one more Sunday.

When we open our church, we will gather with new excitement and will do everything to reach out to our members and friends who cannot come in-person to worship. We will clean our building, prepare sanitizers, masks, and gloves, and mark the pews to keep the social distancing. We will put our live worship on-line, keep meeting on Zoom, and utilize social medias. But I am not sure that utilizing social media is changing people's hearts and lives. People are eager to go back to normal. But the normal we have known as a society, and even church, is based on the acts of consumerism and relativism not on the great works of God. So far, we had ten weeks of slowing down and pondering. I hope that has been enough time for us to change our hearts and lives. So, when we reopen our church we will be eager to praise for, and witness to, God's wondrous works for us in history. Until that time, your safety and health are the priority of our church. Be safe and go deeper.

In gratitude of God's saving works,

Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

**Judy Knoblock, Rob Frame, Ed Pyterek,
Barbara Galarza, Tom Schroeder**

Please let us know if there is a concern in your family.

Pastor Eun-Hye: Echoi@glenviewumc.org or
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IN MEMORIAM

With profound regrets, we announce the passing of our beloved members:

Carolla Schmid passed way peacefully at home on Thursday morning, April 30. A small, private service was held on May 8 at N.H.Scott Funeral Home.

Ed Burns passed away peacefully at home on May 7. There will be a small service in our Memorial Garden at a future date.

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers. May God's love and grace comfort them

Welcome Little One!!

Ada Lea Smith was born on Tuesday, May 19th, and is a beautiful 6 lb 4 oz bundle of joy. Parents are Erin and Kyle Smith. Kent and Sherry Smith are overjoyed with the arrival of their newest grandchild! Congratulations on your new blessing!



Mission Garden

The Missions and Service Ministry Team, with the help of other church members, has been busy working in the church garden. Thanks to Mark Netherland for organizing work days to prepare the soil, plant seeds and plants. And thanks to Saran Siewerth for donating tomato and pepper plants. Social distancing is not a problem for even 6-8 masked gardeners at a time. When the vegetables are harvested they will go to the Northfield and Maine Township Food Pantries. Anyone is welcome to work in the garden. Weeds always pop up and need to be taken out. And, there is a saying, "You are nearer to God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth."



GUMC's

Donation to Local Food Pantries!

Due to Covid-19

lease, many people are not able to work and the food pantries have experienced large numbers of new clients. The M&SM Team is happy to announce a donation to the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) with matching funds from the United Methodist Foundation (UMF). Thank you, UMF!!! (The matching opportunity was announced in the May Visitor.) M&SM received funds from the **Gene and Janet Schnell estate** to be used for mission projects. From the Schnell donation M&SM is donating \$1,000 to the GCFD to be matched by \$1,000 from the UMF. (The GCFD is able to purchase food at very good prices because they buy in bulk. They then distribute food as needed or money as directed, to member food pantries. At our request GCFD will send \$1,000 each to member food pantries; Northfield Township and Niles Township Food Pantries. To all church members, thank you for your part in the GUMC Mission work.



I have always had an affinity for lighthouses. Maybe it is because it makes me feel connected to a grandfather I never met. He was in the Coast Guard and from what I remember of my grandmother's stories, he manned a lighthouse on the Lake Michigan shore. When he returned from serving overseas in WWII, he moved his family to Seattle with the plans of eventually making it to tend lighthouses in Alaska. I believe the story has changed over the years as each time it was retold, there were different recollections, edits and additions, Nonetheless, my grandfather survived an attack to the transport submarine he was during the war in Europe, but shortly thereafter in Seattle, he succumbed to an allergic reaction from penicillin, never making it to Alaska.

Greg, Maddie, Spencer and I have visited many lighthouses along the shores of the Great Lakes and some on the East Coast. Due to the rocky coastlines, supposedly there are more shipwrecks in the Great Lakes than there are on either side of the states. On one adventure to a remote lighthouse, before we had kids, Greg and I unknowingly trespassed on military property. Startled by the voice over the loudspeaker indicating such, we removed ourselves pretty quickly. But that's a story for another time. Regardless of where the lighthouse is at, there is something special about being able to climb to the top of one with your kids, looking out onto the water, taking a deep breath in and exhaling to see the sparkle in your kid's eyes as they see the power of the water and imagine themselves being the one who is taking care of the light.

I think our next lighthouse road trip will be to North Carolina. I have read that on the cape of Hatteras Island just off the state's coast, a memorial stands for all who have tended the lighthouse stations there since 1803. All the names are etched on the old foundation stone and visitors can follow the footsteps of those they call the "Keepers of the Light." As Christians, we are a different kind of light keeper. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). Jesus' light gives us power and purpose. Two and a half months into the shelter in place, it is increasingly important

to let our power and purpose as followers of Jesus shine through.

As we are writing this Memorial Day weekend, we can't 100% for sure tell you what our plans are for youth this month or this summer. We need to follow the guidelines set by the CDC, the state, and our Bishop's office. So we'll take it on a weekly basis again this month, sharing updates, meeting virtually or in socially distant ways until we can meet in person again. Until then, let's all be "Keepers of the Light" in our own, unique ways.

Peace,
Beth and Greg

Hello friends!

We have had a wonderful time on Zoom Sunday School the past few weeks. We have learned more stories about the believers of the early church, we've had a story time, and we have done crafts. While we lament the fact we cannot have in-person Sunday School at this time, we also are creating connections and finding creative ways to face our current challenges.

Since we are now in summer and our thoughts turn to enjoying time outdoors, our Sunday school lessons will explore topics related to the United Methodist Church's Social Principles regarding the Natural World. We will have a story time, talk about how we can be good stewards of the natural world and do a simple craft. Please watch e-News for updates and login in information for Zoom Sunday School.

Also, don't forget that every Sunday Worship video that our church posts on YouTube includes a children's message, so you can see it anytime, even if you cannot make our Zoom Sunday School.

It's definitely a different kind of summer - my prayer is that in the midst of our disrupted schedules we can still find new ways to connect with our faith, nature, and each other. Sending you all a virtual hug!

~Heidi Ortiz

FOR FAMILIES

UM News: FATHER'S DAY HAS METHODIST TIES! Originally published June 18, 2010.

To all you dads out there: While you're relaxing in your recliner and watching sports on June 21, and your kids are on their best behavior to honor Father's Day, don't forget to thank a United Methodist. That's right. Not one, but two United Methodist churches with the same name, oddly enough, can lay claim to originating the celebration of all things paternal. In 1909 in Spokane, Wash., Sonora Smart Dodd listened to a Mother's Day sermon at Central Methodist Episcopal Church. Dodd's own mother had died 11 years earlier, and her father had raised their six children alone. Dodd felt moved to honor her father, and fathers everywhere, with a special day as well.

She proposed her idea to local religious leaders, and gained wide acceptance. June 19, 1910, was designated as the first Father's Day, and sermons honoring fathers were presented throughout the city. When newspapers across the country carried the story about Spokane's observance, the popularity of Father's Day spread. Several presidents declared it a holiday, and in 1972, Richard Nixon established it as the third Sunday in June.

Dodd's pivotal role in the creation of a national Father's Day celebration was recognized in 1943 with a luncheon in her honor in New York City. Central Methodist Episcopal is now known as Central United Methodist, and holds a Father's Day service every year.

There's more to the story... If you thought you celebrated the centennial of Father's Day in 2010, you were actually two years too late. You see, the year Spokane was observing its first Father's Day, almost 2,000 miles away in Fairmont, W.Va., another Methodist church was on its third. On July 5, 1908, a Father's Day sermon was preached at Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, South, thanks to the efforts of Grace Golden Clayton.

In December 1907, a terrible mine explosion in nearby Monongah claimed the lives of more than 360 men. Most of them had families, and the tragedy left 1,000 children fatherless. Clayton was distraught by the thought of all those children growing up without a father's guidance, and wanted to do something to honor the importance of fatherhood. She asked her pastor to set aside a special day to commemorate fathers. She chose the Sunday closest to the birthday of her late father, also a Methodist preacher.

However, unlike the Spokane service, the Fairmont event drew little attention outside the area. Fairmont historians concede that Sonora Dodd deserves credit for bringing the holiday to national prominence, but want it known that they did beat her to the idea. "We don't claim popularizing the day, but we have proof we were the first to have a church service," said the Rev. D.D. Meighen, retired pastor of the Fairmont church, which is now also known as Central United Methodist. Seriously, what are the odds of that?

Meighen said two news-making events happened on July 4, 1908, that stole the thunder from their Father's Day service. On that Saturday, Fairmont held its largest 4th of July celebration to date. A large crowd watched a "dare-devil" roll atop a ball to the top of the bank building on a spiral stairway. It made all the news. People talked about it for days.

Then, tragically, a beloved young woman in the church died of typhoid fever. Church members were shocked when they arrived at the Sunday service to hear of her death. Her funeral, which included 17 carriages lined up in front of the church, also made the headlines. Coincidentally, the first Mother's Day was observed on May 10, 1908, at Andrews Methodist Church in Grafton, W.Va.

West Virginia Methodists clearly love their parents more than the rest of us. So enjoy firing up that grill and napping in the hammock, dads everywhere. You've earned it, and the United Methodists have your back. And when your kids give you yet another gruesomely ugly tie as a gift... well, we're pretty sure the Lutherans are behind that.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Here are our June birthdays and anniversaries. If you have a June birthday or anniversary and your name is not listed, please call the church office so we can update our records.

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| 6/1 Howard Lacina | 6/1 Norma Putman | 6/2 Beckett Cummings |
| 6/2 Emma Granzow | 6/2 Danny Stryker | 6/2 Stephanie Yonkers |
| 6/3 Ed Porrett | 6/3 Meg Pyterek | 6/4 Steve Urban |
| 6/6 Laura Corbige | 6/6 Matthew Furch | 6/6 Benjamin Keenan |
| 6/6 Cassidy Price | 6/8 Alice Joyce Kowski | 6/10 Steve Cummings |
| 6/10 Karina Johnson | 6/10 Reed Stryker | 6/11 Jan Hutchins |
| 6/13 Andrew Daniels | 6/14 Dana Booker | 6/14 Brian Porrett |
| 6/15 Susan Slaght | 6/16 Curtis Corbige | 6/16 Anita Green |
| 6/17 Keith Cordell | 6/17 Bonnie Gladish | 6/17 Ted Sawicz |
| 6/19 John Potter | 6/19 Michael Potter | 6/20 Larry Brand |
| 6/21 John Keenan | 6/23 Tyler Phillips | 6/24 Jeff Green |
| 6/24 Alice Ramos | 6/25 Brooke Dahnert | 6/25 Judy Knoblock |
| 6/27 William Frame | 6/28 Evan Mohr | 6/28 Dotty Neumann |
| 6/29 Chuck Schaden | | |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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| 6/1 Norma and Don Putman | 6/2 Nora and Ken Welter |
| 6/6 Donna and John Kwiatkowski | 6/7 Alice and Mac Ramos |
| 6/10 Michelle and Steve Cummings | 6/12 Ethel and Larry Doyle |
| 6/14 Jan and Tom Hutchins | 6/14 Helen and Jim Weinstein |
| 6/21 Liz and Guy Mylander | 6/23 Kristen and Aaron Naber |
| 6/23 Meg and Ed Pyterek | 6/26 Karen and Scott Daniels |
| 6/28 Jeanette and Ralph Hansen | 6/29 Cheryl and Howard Tweddle, Jr. |





GRADUATION CONGRATULATIONS

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES:

Tiffany Dewar, Fiona Doherty, David Rowlands, Rachel Tweddle

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Wyatt Cummings: Going to Dartmouth College to study Biology and Environmental Science.

Luke Ferri: (Unavailable for comment at time of publishing)

Haley Ferrone: Off to DePaul to study Animation and Computer Science.

Abby Phillips: On her way to study Sound Engineering.

John Potter: Heading to Carthage College to major in Criminal Justice and Theater.

Michael Potter: Is attending DePaul to major in Cyber Security.

Taylor Woitesek: Going to Carthage College to study Elementary Education.

COLLEGE GRADUATES



Beckett Cummings: Graduated from Reed College with a bachelor's degree in Physics.



Grace Murphy: Graduated from University of Vermont with a degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders with a minor in Special Education.



Emily Phillips: Graduated from Oakton Community College with an associate's degree in Early Childhood.



Tyler Phillips: Graduated from University of Illinois-Chicago with a degree in Business Finance.



Cal Sailer: Graduated from University of Illinois with dual major in Marketing and Information Systems.



Emma Yonkers: Graduated with a master's degree in Athletic Training from St. Louis University.

To our High School Graduates...

A poem by Wanda Frye

We congratulate you, Class of '20;

Looking back, you have accomplished plenty!

From freshman year on you gave studies your best,

And as seniors you've met the ultimate test!

Here you are; a milestone you have passed.

Getting that diploma, your goal, at last.

The friends you have made along the way

Provide those memories that are there to stay.

And so we salute you as you graduate,

Prepared very well to meet your fate.

Our prayers will go with you, we want you to know,

Whatever you do and wherever you go.

Your Church Family