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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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GUMC is Open

In-Person Sunday Worship begins July 12!

Read about the reopening guidelines inside.

In-person prayer services on Tuesday's beginning July 14.

GUMC remains open:

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

Dear members and friends of Glenview UMC,

On June 22nd Illinois government released new guidelines for Illinois to move into phase four of its reopening plan on June 28th. According to this new guideline, we will carefully start in-person worship in the sanctuary from July 12th. When we announced the possible reopening a couple of weeks ago, the main concern I have heard is whether we will keep the online service. Yes, we will have on-line service on YouTube and Facebook as we have been doing. If the technology we have allows, we will make it live, on-line and in-person at the same time. In-person worship is intended to add an option to the worship experience during this on-going pandemic situation. I want to encourage you to stay home and worship on-line if you are not feeling well, having underlying health concerns, or have any concerns about in-person gatherings. You will find the guidelines for in-person worship in this newsletter. I want to thank the Health Team of our church who are preparing the re-opening process.

During the summer when outdoor activities are desirable, we will have a short prayer service in the Memorial Garden of our church every Tuesday at 7pm starting on July 14th. We will follow the safety guidelines of outdoor gatherings when we have the prayer service. Please wear a mask and bring your lawn chair if you desire to sit. You need to park your car on the east side of the church building between Wesley Child Care and the Social Hall. Please do not come through the building.

We will keep meeting on ZOOM for Wednesday Bible study and Thursday Support group. If you want to join in, please let me know. I will send you the ZOOM link. I want to thank our Mission and Service Team for helping the Food Pantries of our community. They contributed \$1,000 to their services and the Foundation of Northern Illinois Conference matched \$1,000. We have the Family Fund to help our members and friends. If you or your friends need help or if you want to contribute to the Family Fund, please let me know. Also, the angels of GUMC want to support you for any needs you have, such as grocery shopping, medicine pick up, or driving to doctors' appointments. I will connect you to the angels.

We don't know when we will be out of the current pandemic, but we hope that we become more caring, passionate, and loving people that we are meant to be because of the experience of pandemic. Let us not be discouraged by all heartaches and hard situations surrounding us and keep our eyes high. "I raise my eyes toward the mountains. Where will my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth." (Psalm 121: 1-2)

Eun-Hye Choi, pastor



Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

Judy Knoblock, Ed Pyterek,
Tom Schroeder

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

Pastor Eun-Hye: Echoi@glenviewumc.org or
Office@glenviewumc.org



IN MEMORIAM

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

Dotty Neumann passed away on June 6 around 7am surrounded by her husband Peter, and hospice care people. She battled cancer for a very short time. Peter and Dotty were married for 66 years and had three boys. There are no arrangements at this time.

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

Welcome Little One!!

Liz and Guy Mylander have a new granddaughter! Lucy Grace was born on Monday, June 15 weighing 8 lbs 7 ounces and 21" long. She is the daughter of Samantha and Robert Derrington and baby sister to Cooper and Ollie.



Loose and Coins Singles in the offering plate for July:

"A Just Harvest" is a community kitchen in North Rogers Park. They provide dinner 365 days each year to about 120 homeless or poor women, men and children. At the present time, meals are packed to go. Your donations help to buy food and supplies.



Congratulations to John Keenan, the 2020 Nilson Scholarship winner. John is an active member of our church and has been involved with the

Loaves & Fishes ministry and the Northfield Food Pantry Auxiliary Board. He has completed his freshmen year at the University of Notre Dame. He has a 4.00 GPA and is an Applied Math Major with a minor in Data Science & Actuarial Science. John has been a member in the Notre Dame Scholars community and involved with Unleashed Social Ventures, which partnered with industries near Notre Dame to work on social issues and unemployment concerns for minorities.

Dear Memorial Committee, Thank you so much for awarding me this year's Nilson

Scholarship. I am so excited and really appreciate you selecting me. The scholarship is going to make a huge difference in helping finance my college and career endeavors this upcoming school year. I love being a member at Glenview United Methodist Church and am so thankful for you and my church family.

Thank you!

~John Keenan

venture with beth and greg

As we look toward a different July 4th and summer this year in the midst of the covid 19 pandemic and continued protests against the racial injustices that continue to occur across our nation, we can't help but reflect on what freedom and justice really mean. As a family, we have had many conversations about this and have participated in one of these protests. One of the powerful things that occurred at the Black Lives Matter March we were part of, was the call and response of one person yelling, "Say their name" and the crowd collectively yelling George Floyd, then Breonna Taylor. At one point, after we, the collective crowd, yelled George Floyd, the church bells of the church we were walking by, rang. The crowd was silent, almost as if no one knew when it would be ok to talk, or chant, or yell again. The pause didn't last that long, but long enough to validate God's presence in that space and time. I am sure I was not the only one who felt it. What else could and should we be doing?

We have the freedom to get up and go to school every day, to choose to get up on Sunday mornings and go to church, the freedom to choose to participate in community events, the freedom to gather in spaces small and large. Since mid March, those "freedoms" that we probably didn't look at as "freedoms", have been taken away. Now in July, we cautiously look forward to getting some of them back slowly but surely. But then I was thinking about #saytheirname and ongoing conversations I have with a friend and colleague of mine whose children are teenage, people of color. We have talked very openly about the differences in being parents of white children and being parents of black children in today's society. "When you are walking home through the neighborhood, don't put your hood up no matter how cold it is and if a police car happens to drive by, your hands need to be out of your pockets." Having that conversation with my son has never even crossed my mind. My friend has had to tell her son that. If we work at the same place and are at the same socioeconomic level and enjoy similar societal "privileges", why are there these stark differences in some of the conversations we have to have with our kids? What do freedom and justice really mean?

As Christians, aren't we called to do justice? Isaiah 1:17 says "Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice." Micah 6:8 says "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Justice - as in to "make right." How do we, as Christians, as Methodist, make this right? We think this current generation of youth has greater insight than we give them credit. We think that they may have a better understanding of what it means to make their relationship right with God. So for the month of July, we are exploring what freedom and justice means as Christians and what they mean in today's society. We started on June 28th, with our #saytheirname prayer vigil and will continue throughout the month of July, with the focus of our GUMY gatherings on what justice and freedom mean as Christians and as youth in today's world. As the next generation of leaders in our community, we hope to brainstorm ways that in our everyday lives, we may seek and do justice. Sundays nights at 6 pm either in person outdoors or socially distant or online. GUMYouth and parents, please check your email weekend updates for details.

Peace (and Justice),
Beth and Greg



During summer we will gather in the Memorial Garden of our church for an outdoor prayer meeting on Tuesdays at 7pm starting July 14. It will be a time for us to visit the loved ones whose ashes were buried there and lift up prayers for each other. Please wear a mask and bring a lawn chair if you prefer to sit. When the weather is not permissible we will meet under the roof of the entrance door of the Social Hall. There will be a brief devotion, sharing joys and concerns and a prayer. Please invite anyone! If you have any questions, contact pastor Eun-Hye at Echoi@glenviewumc.org



**Church
Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

No lunch break.
Closed on Friday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

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| 7/1 Anna Parry | 7/2 Alix Williams | 7/3 Janet Ferrone |
| 7/3 Tita Gimeno | 7/3 Kay Harr | 7/3 Priyanka Mareddy |
| 7/4 Anna Adams | 7/4 Ashley Slobodecki | 7/4 Paula Stoddard |
| 7/4 Valerie Twedde | 7/6 Paul Ellis | 7/6 Susanne Rudolph |
| 7/6 Linda Vassallo | 7/7 Bill Murphy | 7/7 Tracy Twedde |
| 7/8 LaVerne Lundquist | 7/8 Emma Yonkers | 7/9 Melissa Gwozdz |
| 7/9 Jim Locke | 7/10 Tom Hutchins | 7/13 Diann Campbell |
| 7/14 Scott Daniels | 7/15 Walter Meyer | 7/17 Betsy Schweers |
| 7/18 Jim Glass | 7/19 Layla DeBaker | 7/22 Sam Green |
| 7/23 Howard Byers | 7/23 Wyatt Cummings | 7/23 Susan Krcik |
| 7/23 Beth Peterson | 7/24 Tim Walters | 7/25 Joan Loyd |
| 7/26 Helen Jo Ellis | 7/28 Wentworth Ford | 7/28 Jean Losquadro |
| 7/30 Marilyn Eichelberg | 7/31 Rose Ackerman | |

News from Staff Parish Relations Committee and Finance Committee

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted nearly every element of daily life, including the business and ministries of GUMC. Online worship will continue to be a significant outreach effort throughout, and perhaps beyond, 2020. Meanwhile, we are entering the next phase of carefully reopening the church to parishioners who wish to participate in live worship that complies with social distance guidelines. These efforts require GUMC to utilize new resources, adjust operating hours, limit worship activities such as singing, and develop long term plans to weather unpredictable changes and demands. Therefore, the Staff Parish Relations Committee and Finance Committee have made the difficult decision to adjust GUMC staff hours and wages starting July 1st. The adjustments impact administrative, music, and ministry staff while avoiding furloughing any specific positions.

As you may recall in prior announcements, the church did receive a loan through the Payroll Protection Program which allowed us to fully fund staff payroll from mid-April through mid-June. Now that we have used the funds from the loan, we feel it is best to make these adjustments to the GUMC staff budget through December 31st of this year. SPRC and Finance will reassess and decide on the staff budget for 2021 later this fall. Meanwhile, SPRC and Finance want to express gratitude to the staff for their understanding and continued dedication. We also thank all members of GUMC who continue to financially support our church's ministries.

Peter Cummings
SPRC Chairperson
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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| 7/2 Katie and Matt Jones | 7/5 Dee Ann and Paul Ellis |
| 7/6 Sharon and Richard Espino | 7/7 Viola and John Scannell |
| 7/9 Beth and Greg Peterson | 7/11 Annette and Tom Johnson |
| 7/12 Cori and Jeff Mohr | 7/12 Alisha and Chuck Potter |
| 7/14 Leslie and Tom Schroeder | 7/15 Helen Jo and Stephen Ellis |
| 7/25 Linda and Dave Duback | 7/25 Ann and Bob Rowlands |
| 7/26 Patty and Daniel Stryker | 7/28 Joy and Bill Forman |
| 7/30 Kathy and Ted Sawicz | |



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Dear friends,

I pray you are all doing well. I'm at a little bit of a loss this month. Usually, I like to talk about what we are looking forward to in our Sunday school curriculum. But as we are working to open the church to in-person services this month, I'm still trying to find out how to best serve the spiritual needs of our youngest members. We will continue our Zoom Sunday School so that all our children can continue to have an opportunity to grow in their faith journey. Also, we will still have our Children's Message available at our in-person services and also on YouTube. Please continue to read the weekly E-newsletter and look also for my Sunday School reminder emails that will have the latest details as we move forward with the next stage of re-opening.

On July 5th, we will again have our church's live Zoom Communion Service. I encourage all of you to gather your children and celebrate Communion together. While we are apart from our church family, this can be such a meaningful moment to grow closer to our families. Yes, we are all driving each other a bit crazy! But this is a great chance to carve out a peaceful moment of togetherness. Don't forget to gather your own juice and bread!

Sending you all a virtual hug,
Heidi Ortiz

Did you know...

When you use the GUMC on-line donation button, our platform adheres to the strict industry security and privacy standards. It is our commitment to protecting your financial security and privacy. Our donation platform is trusted as "PCI-DSS compliant and all transactions are encrypted through a 256 Bit SSL connection." If you have any questions, or concerns, please reach out to the church office. *Thank you for your continued support of GUMC!*

July Calendar

July 5: Live ZOOM Communion at 10 a.m.

Have your Bread and Cup ready.

To Join the ZOOM worship via internet:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83016191056?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83016191056?pwd=SzJXd3p3Z3ptVjQ1VTJSUUhJZ1FYdz09)

[pwd=SzJXd3p3Z3ptVjQ1VTJSUUhJZ1FYdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83016191056?pwd=SzJXd3p3Z3ptVjQ1VTJSUUhJZ1FYdz09)

To join via ZOOM app : Meeting ID: 830 1619 1056
Password: 739665

To join by landline phone: Dial:
1-312-626-6799

July 12: First Sunday back in the sanctuary for worship at 10 a.m. (also will continue on YouTube)

July 27: August Visitor deadline (with the mailing on Thursday, July 30.)



We are so excited to welcome you back into the GUMC Sanctuary. The following is an overview of what you can expect when you come on Sunday mornings (beginning July 12, 2020)

- Park every other space.
- Enter by sanctuary doors wearing a mask and use the hand sanitizer.
- One masked and gloved usher will take your temperature (no-touch).
- Floor arrows will show people flow. Center aisle toward altar. Side aisles to exit.
- Worshipers enter the sanctuary and begin filling up the rows front to back, every other row. Certain rows will be designated for parents with children so that we maintain social distancing.
- All Bibles and Hymnals have been removed.
- Collection baskets will be at the side aisle exit locations, not passed during offering.
- Once worship has ended the ushers start at the back and gesture to the side exits. As the row empties and the worshipers have cleared the exit, the ushers move to the next row and so on to the front.
- Sadly, no Coffee Fellowship Hour.
- Only one person allowed in the washroom at a time.

There will be:

- Posted notices regarding wearing face masks and washing hands.
- Hand sanitizers at entrances.
- Increase sanctuary ventilation via use of a/c, or if cool enough, windows.
- Designated nursery as isolation room for anyone reporting sick during worship service.
- Sanctuary marked for 8' distancing, also family pews designated.
- Sanctuary cleaned after worship with spray disinfectants.
- Most important - all worshipers wear a facemask.

While we are slowly reopening, we will maintain online ministries and worship for the foreseeable future, which will allow everyone to maintain their connection to GUMC.

See You Soon