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Dear friends,

With the blessing prayer of going back to school last Sunday, we started a new program year at Glenview UMC. There will be a Rally Day celebration in a new style, parent's orientation for children and youth, resuming Bible study group for adults, and much more to come. This is the time when more support and prayers for the families with students and educators are needed. This is the time when we should be kinder to students of all ages and educators of all roles and functions. In our church both Wesley Childcare Center and Methodist Preschool came back to in-person classes. We hold all teachers and students at both schools in our prayers for their safety and success. I am so proud of our church for providing two schools and other non-profit organizations a safe space to do their mission and service for the community. We are in partnership with them for educating children (schools), youth development (Scouts), promoting art (theater and music group), and supporting wellbeing (AA/AI-Anon groups). I celebrate that the presence and ministries of our church is like a light and salt of our community.

I deeply thank you for your care, loyalty, and support for the church. Thank you for following safety guidelines when you visit the church building for worship and other reasons. Thank you for your prayers for the sick and the troubled. Also, thank you for sharing your prayer concerns with your church. It shows your trust in the church. Thank you for the leaders, who are preparing for the time after this pandemic. Thank you for your hearts and deeds for mission projects. A big "thank you" to our staff members who are collaborative, creative, flexible, and dedicated to the church. We are blessed! I shouldn't forget to say to you how thankful I am for your faithful and generous support of the church finances. Your gifts and offerings make all ministries of our church possible.

With thankful hearts and the attitude of gratitude we start a new program year again. The global pandemic cannot stop our ministries and worship. We do not fix our eyes on the pandemic, but on God in Jesus Christ who calls us the disciples and the saints. Thanks be to God.

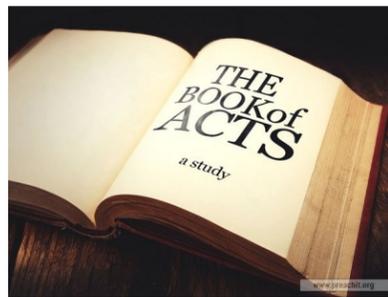
In gratitude,

Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

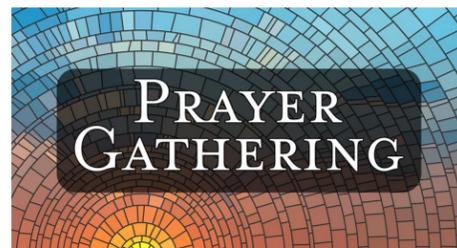
RALLY DAY

3RD GRADE

 BIBLE SUNDAY



Reflections



Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

Judy Knoblock, Jim Weinstein,
Chris Ernst, Greg Furch

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

Judy Knoblock

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



IN MEMORIAM

We are sad to report:

Bill Hoffman passed away on July 29.

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

Rummage Sale News!

The UMW has made the decision NOT to have a Rummage Sale in 2020 due to Covid 19 concerns. The official plans for 2021 will be shared next year.

The potential new date for the Rummage Sale in 2021 is Friday, March 12 (Pre-Sale) and Saturday, March 13, actual sale. Donations will begin on Sunday, March 7th and clean up will be on Sunday, March 14, 2021. However, this too can change based on Covid data at that time.



WOMEN'S WELLNESS DAY!!

Welcome to all Women 18 yrs. and older to our 2020 Women's Wellness Day!

Due to the Covid19 restrictions, we have readjusted our Women's Wellness Weekend to be a day long here at the Church Parlor. We will be having our usual presentation time and then a break for lunch, all with social distancing precautions and face masks.

We hope you will join us and be uplifted by our conversation about "Decluttering Our Lives" physically, mentally, and spiritually. We want to continue to enjoy socializing and learning, and hope this will be a good method to achieve this in our uncertain times.

You can sign up for Sat, Sept. 19th, or Sat, Oct. 17th, from 9:30 am to 2 pm. There will be room for 8 women in each session. A day-long session will be only \$10, plus the cost of your lunch! Just email Barb Galarza at mydustygal@yahoo.com to let her know which session you'd like!

Hope to see you there!!

Coins and singles in the offering plate for July, August, and September:

A Just Harvest's mission is to fight poverty and hunger in the Rogers Park and greater Chicago community by providing nutritious meals daily while cultivating community and economic development and organizing across racial, cultural and socioeconomic lines in order to create a more just society.

Your donations help to buy food and supplies.

venture with beth and greg

September always brings two things: the end of summer and those lazy days and the beginning of a new school year and the excitement that brings! While these are not the "precedented times" we may all be yearning for right now, it doesn't mean that we can't still do great things on our new journey. We will just continue to do them differently than we're used to, adapting and learning together as we go.

September also marks the beginning of a new program year at church. After having such a good turnout for summer GUMY (even though it had to be outdoors socially distanced with masks on or via Zoom when the weather didn't cooperate), we are excited for this fall and hope to keep the momentum going. We begin with an outdoor movie Labor Day Weekend (weather permitting of course) with Rally Day the following weekend on Sunday, September 13th. All are invited to join for the worship service indoors or via your car radio parked in the church lot and for our first annual outside, socially distant, bring your own picnic and blanket or chairs, Rally Day Celebration with live music starting at 11am. 11 am - 12 pm will also be our 6th-12th grade GUMY gathering time on 9/13.

This year we will continue our 6th grade transition classes on Sunday mornings during Sunday School time and will start with masks on, socially distant outdoors as long as the weather permits. Confirmation classes also start on 9/20 for our 7th and 8th graders and will be a mix of both remote classes and outdoor/socially distant in person events. Finally, we will continue our Sunday GUMY gatherings from 4:30 - 6:00 pm unless notified otherwise. Our focus in September will be Through the Wilderness. GUMYouth - you will need to join us to find out what we mean!

Looking forward to a great September getting back in the swing of things as we journey into the wilderness.

Peace,
Beth and Greg



Dear friends,

This fall, we are going to continue our outdoor Sunday School as much as possible. Our kids are doing great wearing their face coverings despite the warm weather. We are all smiling under our masks!

Please mark your calendars for Rally Day on Sunday, September 13th. While our activities will be different this year, we will have some fun, socially distant outdoor activities for the whole family.

Parents of Third Graders can also mark their calendars for Sunday, September 20th, as it will be the Sunday we give them their very own Bibles.

As we head into this unprecedented fall season, please know that our Glenview United Methodist Church community is holding families and children in our prayers as we deal with the challenging school situation ahead.

Sending you all a hug through the mail!

~Heidi Ortiz



We gather in the Memorial Garden of our church for an outdoor prayer meeting on Tuesdays at 7pm . It is 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

**BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 8
THE NEW TIME WILL BE 5:00.**

New Bible Study Group! The Book of Acts!

The story of Jesus doesn't end with Jesus. It continues in the lives of those who believe in him. The supernatural does not stop with Jesus. Among four Gospel writers (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) Luke alone continues to tell the story in the book of Acts as the apostles and disciples live it into the next generation. Luke makes it clear that these Christians he wrote about were no more spectators of Jesus than Jesus was a spectator of God – They are in on the action of God, God acting in them, God living in them.

The group will start on September 9 at 7pm meeting every Wednesday on ZOOM. There is no book to buy. Just dust off your Bible and find the book of Acts. If you want to join in the group contact pastor Eun-Hye at Echoi@glenviewumc.org to receive the zoom link.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

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

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| 9/2 Ben Mohr | 9/3 Sherry Smith | 9/3 Justin Zabielski |
| 9/4 Holly Hendee | 9/4 Becky Netherland | 9/7 Andrew Brand |
| 9/7 Ashley Daniels | 9/7 Scarlett Jones | 9/7 Alisha Potter |
| 9/8 Eric Campbell | 9/10 Peggy Curkov | 9/11 Ginny Peterson |
| 9/12 Dawn Bode | 9/12 Amanda Losquadro | 9/13 Michael Denzel |
| 9/14 Scott Houdek | 9/16 Gerry Gans | 9/16 Bruce Siewerth |
| 9/17 Dean Carlson | 9/17 Viola Scannell | 9/17 Jaclyn Welter |
| 9/20 Dick Hoffman | 9/20 Ken Ready | 9/20 Delia Rowlands |
| 9/21 Randy Johnson | 9/21 Jackson Ventura | 9/22 Michael Risley |
| 9/23 Jeff Mohr | 9/24 Andrew Duback | 9/25 Bob Frye |
| 9/25 Char Moneyhon | 9/27 Eden Cummings | 9/27 Parker Holzhueter |
| 9/27 Dale Sailer | 9/27 Laura Sailer | 9/28 Robert Rothermel |
| 9/29 Rachel Tweddle | | 9/30 Guy Mylander |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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| 9/1 Melissa and Greg Gwozdz | 9/3 Sally and Tim Lankford |
| 9/6 Diann and Ben Campbell | 9/8 Laura and Dale Sailer |
| 9/8 Ellen and Chuck Schaden | 9/16 Melanie and Peter Cummings |
| 9/19 Janella and Vince Vasquez | 9/27 Joanne and Andrew Richter |
| 9/28 Jane and Gregory Furch | |

RALLY DAY

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW!

While it can't be the same it can still be AWESOME! This year Rally Day will be held on **September 13**.

- Worship at 10:00 a.m.
- The first 45 people can attend in the sanctuary for the touch-free worship service.
- Worship will ALSO be broadcast over the FM dial in the parking lot. Tailgate at your car during worship.
- Celebration following worship. Picture a mini-Ravinia... a "Minivinia" if you will!
- Enjoy a musical performance on the front lawn at 11:00.
- Bring your own lunch and grab a circle in the grass.
- Small tables will be available on the sidewalk for those unable to walk on grass.
- See your church friends in a safe outdoor environment.



Church Mice

Karl Zorowski





GUMC presents personal Bibles to each third grade student as a statement of their growing faith development and as recognition of their being old enough to study Scripture on their own.

Join us on September 20 at 10:00 as we celebrate this tradition!

September 6 is Communion Sunday. Watch the service live on facebook. Have your bread and juice ready. In worship communion will be individual, professionally prepared wafer and juice.

Did you know...

You can support the church from anywhere at any time, even if you forget to bring cash or your check book. Simply use the GivePlus Mobil app to give with your smartphone. Download the FREE app. Make a one-time or recurring donations using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account. Log in or donate as a guest. Securely manage donations using Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN or password. If you have any questions, or concerns, please reach out to the church office. *Thank you for your continued support of GUMC!*



Pandemic Support Group: Feeling overwhelmed by the current health crisis? Do you need to connect with people? Join the virtual support group. Held every Thursday afternoon, this support group may be just what you need to start feeling better. Contact Pastor Eun-Hye to receive the group link to Zoom.

Illinois Covid 19 Assistance

Emergency Rental Assistance
<https://era.ihda.org/>
 If you've been unable to pay your rent due to COVID-19, ERA is here to help you. It's important to continue paying as much of your rent as you can. Visit the website to complete the application for help.

Emergency Mortgage Assistance
<https://ema.ihda.org/>
 If you've been unable to pay your mortgage due to COVID-19, EMA is here to help you. Visit the website to complete the application. If you need assistance with the application process, please visit one of our Community Partners listed in the Resources on the website.

ComEd Offers Expanded Assistance Options to Help with Energy Bills: Customers who are challenged in paying their outstanding balances and electric bills should contact ComEd's customer care team as soon as possible at 1-800-EDISON-1 (1-800-334-7661), Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to take advantage of assistance options. More information is also available at ComEd.com/Support.

Reflections

Please enjoy these reflections on current events by Wanda Frye and Michel Agriopoulos.

VIRUS IN VERSE

Another day dawns in this crazy summer,
 And once again I'm saying, "What a bummer!"
 I should do something really worthwhile
 Instead of considering this time a trial!

Luckily I love to read;
 It fills a very important need.
 And exercising every day
 Helps keep those extra pounds at bay!

Currently I miss those breakfasts out
 And tasty treats, without a doubt.
 But social distancing is the rule...
 And wearing the mask makes me look like a fool!

Still, hey, we still can go for a walk;
 There's no restriction on friendly talk.
 So I'll just put on my smiley face,
 And try to spread sunshine all over the place!

Wanda Frye
 August 7, 2020

**ABOUT JOHN LEWIS
 (Civil Rights Leader).**

Never knew of the man til I heard him talk one day
 His mind knew the important things...
 About non-violence in the struggle to the goal
 He spoke with meaningful words and resonant values
 Once beaten unconscious in Selma, he rose as solid
 as a rock

A rock of faith, he explained the spark of the divine
 It exists in all men, even his enemies he said
 He the better man than I, who would not forgive
 them
 His meaningful words - like "multi-faceted love" and
 "good trouble"
 The kind of words most of us don't get

"Multi-faceted love", which is extended to even
 those who oppose
 "Good trouble" which takes bravery to go against
 those wanting violence
 Fifty-five years after Selma we're still wrestling equal
 rights
 I am a white man praying for black children because
 we should
 We need a society that John Lewis envisioned for
 them

It is a safe society, bright with opportunity
 We need to trust integration and for rights to be truly
 equal
 Until we can look each other in the eye and smile
 We cannot become part of the same family
 John that day must come, so rest in peace

Michel Agriopoulos
 July 26, 2020