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ALL NEW FORMAT FOR 2020

Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway?

This year marks the thirty-fifth year of our *Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway?* program. Though we continue to deal with some unique situations, we are still able to carry out our mission to share our blessings with the people who are served by Bella Terra, Inspired Youth Tutoring, and Methodist Youth Services.

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RSVP for Sunday Worship.

Due to new restrictions in Illinois, we are asking everyone to sign up to attend Sunday Worship. 25 people, per Sunday, are invited to worship in-person. Visit our website to secure your spot on Sunday.

Stay safe, and know that we are here for you... In-person, and online!

As always, please submit prayer requests to the office at:
office@glenviewumc.org
Or
echoi@glenviewumc.org

Dear friends,

As I'm writing this letter to you, it is snowing. I see this first snow of the season through the window of my office. Children of Glenview Methodist Preschool are jumping out of their parents' cars to go to school, still colorful trees greet them with falling love letters on their leaves, snow hurries them to move on, and I am counting the blessings on our church. It has been a difficult year for everyone, but still we count our blessings.

We are blessed to share our resources with the community. You generously responded to help the community Food Pantries (both Northfield Township Food Pantry and Maine Township Food Pantry), Soup Kitchen (Just Harvest), school supplies for the neighborhood of Olivet UMC, CROP WALK, Kids Above All, Family Assistance fund, and any good cause we have.

We are blessed to share our facility, even in this pandemic, in partnership with two schools, AA groups, a music group, Midwest Distribution Center, and any good cause we have. When people cannot go out because of Covid, many neighbors walk their dogs, bike their children, jog in the early morning and late evening, or just stroll around our beautiful campus. We are like a living well of our community, providing a safe and peaceful place.

We are blessed to keep worshiping and praising God, in person and online. Our children and youth learn about Christian community and experience the joy of fellowship in person and online. Our prayers for our loved ones, for our nation, and for the church are going around non-stop. You are so willing to help and care for each other.

We are blessed to have a shelter to rest, food on the table, loved ones to call, good schools for our children, and a faith community to lean on each other. And more than anything else, we know and believe our God who gives life, breath, and everything else. As Paul said, we live, move, and exist in God. We give thanks to God, the Creator, and count blessings we have in God. There is a Thanksgiving offering envelop in this newsletter for you. Be generous as God is generous with us. The tithing (10%) of your Thanksgiving offering will go to the Northfield Township Food Pantry. It is our Christian privilege to share the blessings from God with others.

May God bless you abundantly!

In gratitude,

Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

Judy Knoblock,
Jim Weinstein

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

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



IN MEMORIAM

Our sincere sympathy to Donnie Ford whose husband **Wentworth** recently passed away in Tennessee. They had just recently moved there from Glenview.

Donnie's current address is now: 1404 Chaudron Court, Demopolis, AL 36732

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

Coins and singles in the offering plate for October thru December: Kids Above All (formerly Child Serv)

Since 1894 their mission has been to protect, heal and educate children and families so they can build better lives. Every child in their care has experienced trauma-abuse, neglect, poverty, toxic stress or violence. They encourage healing and personal growth so the children can realize their dreams. Foster care, adoption service, early childhood education, and group homes for youth are services provided.



CROP WALK NEWS:

Thanks all of you who donated and/or walked for the Glenbrook Crop Hunger Walk. Because of health concerns due to the COVID-19 virus GUMC hosted a virtual "walk" on Sunday, October 18. Thanks to Beth and Greg Peterson who got the Confirmands and GUMY's involved in a fun activity called Geocaching---a modern day scavenger hunt.

Through your contributions and participation GUMC donated \$2,650. Of that, online contributors totaled \$745 and a major organizer, Alice Ramos, collected \$1,655!! (Thank you, Alice!) All proceeds are used by Church World Service to provide food, medical care, disaster relief, and self- help development for people in need, locally and around the world. 25%of the money raised by the Glenbrook Crop Hunger Walk will be distributed to the Northfield and West Deerfield Township food Pantries.

THE MITTEN TREE FOR OLIVET - Nov. 22 Jan. 3.

The Mitten Tree will be up in the back of the sanctuary to collect mittens, mittens and more mittens (it's hard for kids not to lose a mitten or two each season). We are also collecting any other type of warm clothing; new or clean/gently used hats, scarves, coats, sweaters, and blankets too. Donations can also be put in the collection bins near the Social Hall or the church office. Deliveries will be made periodically to Olivet, our Chicago West Side, sister church, during the collection period.



venture with beth and greg

Every time we get to come to church for worship or to meet with Confirmation and GUMYouth, it is really a blessing. We are thankful for being able to go to worship and meet with Confirmation and GUMYouth on Sunday afternoons, taking advantage of GUMC's outdoor spaces throughout the summer and early fall. In October, we celebrated World Communion Sunday, contributed to and participated in Crop Walk and Geocaching and did some learning about the bible, faith and each other along the way. Yet once again we are under quickly changing conditions, uncertain if we will be able to carry out our initial plans for November and December. Yes - flexibility and adaptability are our continued working terms. We have prepared and talked about if and when we would need to go back to meeting remote as we did last March and have been trying to avoid that as much as possible. But as we write, it appears as suburban Cook County is moving back to Phase 1 of the global pandemic. We hope it won't last for long, but in the meantime, we will continue to meet at least 3 Sundays per month from 4:30 - 6:00 pm, either remote or in person (socially distant with masks on). Confirmation and GUMYouth and families will get weekend updates clarifying plans.

Important information for everyone!

There are a few changes in how we will do things this winter. Our Scrip fundraising will stay but there will not be any in person sales. The order sheet is enclosed in November's Visitor. Please send your completed order form and check to the church office by the due date. When the gift cards arrive, you will be notified and then the cards may be picked up at the church office. We have been in contact with ASP and are waiting to make a decision on our summer plans until after the first of the year. We still need to fundraise as if we might be going, so please consider purchasing gift cards for all of your needs this year. Whether it's purchasing cards for your favorite grocery store, or gift cards for your favorite in person or online retailers to do your Christmas shopping. They spend the same as cash and you'll be helping our GUMYouth!

We are planning for an alternative to the Children and Youth Christmas Program and will send families information on ways they can participate. While it won't be as "epic" as last year's production, we are hoping to make it every bit as meaningful.

Peace!
Beth and Greg

Advent is just around the corner. Mark your calendar now to participate in the Advent Prayer Service Starting on December 2nd, join us for a Taize style evening service.

December 2, 9, 16 and 23
7pm in the Parlor
10 person per event limit.

We will prepare our hearts and lives for the coming Jesus with songs, scripture readings, prayer, silent meditation, and candle lighting. Please contact pastor Eun-Hye to reserve your spot for each service. Each service will last about 30 minutes. Also, please contact pastor Eun-Hye if you are available to provide vocal, piano, or string music for the service or read the scripture.



There will be no mission fair, due to gathering limitations, and we will be providing gift cards only to the recipients, to limit the need to physically go shopping. This year, I have requested twenty names from each of the three groups. We will use SignUp Genius to select names.

www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD48A4AA28A2FCC34-whose

If you do not have access to a computer, please feel free to call me to make a selection. Gift cards will be due at church no later than December 6, before worship.

As always, please label your gifts with the name of the recipient and their agency.

I have been in contact with our three agencies, and everyone is delighted to accept the gift cards and is very grateful that we are continuing to do the best we can at this time. We will also be collecting toys for Olivet UMC, for girls and boys between the ages of 6 and 13 years old. These should be wrapped and labeled with the appropriate gender and age group. All donations for Olivet must be brought to church before worship on December 6. Thanks for your continuing support and please contact me with any questions.

Sue Ready
847-603-1702, s-ready@comcast.net

Be sure to read about this year's SCRIP program in the "Venture with Beth and Greg" section of this *Monthly Visitor*.

"Behold, I am making all things new." Revelations 21:5

Recently, several members and staff from our church attended a conference to help us improve the church's operations and there was lots of talk about different technologies we can use. As the presenter was wrapping up after two hours of talking about various systems and strategies, he gave us a benediction of sorts. "Just remember," he said, "the Lord didn't say He was making all new things. He said, I am making all things new." That struck a chord with me. This year has been a year of work-arounds, trying new things (hello Instacart!), amateur videos and finding the mute button on Zoom. These might seem like "new things", but in reality it's the same things - finishing the job, feeding our families, expressing ourselves, and staying in touch. I found it so encouraging that in the midst of such challenging times, we can press on and find new ways to get things done. I hope you are also finding ways to "make things new" as we enter our eighth month of Covid disruptions.



In Sunday School news, the only update is that it's finally too cold outside and we have moved Sunday School inside to the Social Hall gym (not the smaller classrooms) where we can spread out for our Sunday School time. If it becomes necessary to move online, please watch your email for the latest details. As they say on the news these days, please take care of yourselves and each other!

Heidi Ortiz

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

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

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| 11/2 Isabelle Marth | 11/3 Pete Neumann | 11/5 Derek Johnson |
| 11/5 Heidi Ortiz | 11/5 Sadie Williams | 11/6 Steve Dahnert |
| 11/11 Michel Agriopoulos | 11/11 Mikko Espino | 11/11 Parleen Macwan |
| 11/11 Jeremiah Rejuso | 11/12 Diane Capitani | 11/12 Jiwan Dass |
| 11/13 Vicky Ready | 11/14 Damian Neuberger | 11/14 Robin Woitesek |
| 11/15 Anne Dierbeck | 11/15 Ryan Granzow | 11/15 Calvin Sailer |
| 11/16 Aaron Naber | 11/17 Ross Adams | 11/17 Cindy Berg |
| 11/17 Judy Keenan | 11/17 Veronica Macwan | 11/20 Taylor Woitesek |
| 11/21 Charlotte Cordell | 11/21 Elyse Martinsen | 11/22 Tim Chorvat |
| 11/22 Seth Mohr | 11/23 Tyson Espino | 11/25 Della Deme |
| 11/25 Beckham Kowski | 11/25 Doris Stengl | 11/26 Emil Capitani |
| 11/27 William Doherty | 11/27 Haley Ferrone | 11/27 Kathy Hurley-Chatfield |
| 11/28 Caroline Berg | 11/30 Sally Lankford | 11/30 Kristin Davis |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 11/7 Mariann and Burton Randle
- 11/12 Sharon and Jim Gernady
- 11/17 Cindy and Dean Carlson
- 11/18 Christine and Steve Miskovic
- 11/20 Becky and Mark Netherland
- 11/25 Janet and Brian Conlin
- 11/25 Laura and Todd Price
- 11/29 Peggy and John Curkov
- 11/30 Julie and Bill Murphy

Church Mice

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Co-Chairpersons – Scott Daniels
 Secretary – Doris Stengl
 Treasurer – Jim Locke

LAY LEADER – Joanne Richter

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY – Orpha Laurie

SCOUT COORDINATOR – Brian Conlin

LAY MEMBERS TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Don Brackey Dick Hoffman

ALTERNATE LAY MEMBER - Ethel Doyle

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - Kay Harr

CHAIRS, COORDINATORS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ARE MEMBERS OF COORDINATING COUNCIL.

SUPPORT

TRUSTEES

2020	2021	2022
Steve Ellis	Jane Furch	Chris Ferrone
	Julie Murphy	Ed Porrett
	Bob Rowlands, chair	Dick Schweers

Ex officio: Michel Agriopoulos, Facilities Manager

****MEMORIALS**

2020	2021	2022
Wanda Frye	Anne Dierbeck, chair	Gerry Gans
		Mabel Janke
		Meg Pyterek

Ex officio: Lay Leader, Chair of Finance

** These committees have been formed under Trustees

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

2020	2021	2022
Peter Cummings, chair	Curtis Corbige	Jan Conlin
Sue Krcik	Sharon Gernady	Bob Frye
JoAnn Minear	Judy Keenan	
Mark Rowlands		

Ex officio: Don Brackey

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2020	2021	2022
Wanda Frye	Diana Berger	Rose Ackerman
	Orpha Laurie	Norma Putman

Ex officio: Senior Pastor acts as chair, Joanne Richter as Lay Leader;
 Doris Stengl as Church Secretary

FINANCE COMMITTEE

2020	2021	2022
	Karen Daniels	Sue Acer
Sarane Siewerth, chair	Jim Gernady	Barb Galarza
		Jeff Ludwig

Ex officio: Chairpersons of Trustees, Staff Parish, Stewardship, Coordinating Council, Lay Leader, Treasurer, Financial Secretary

STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE

Sarane Siewerth

ENDOWMENT/PLANNED GIVING FUND COMMITTEE

2020	2021	2022
Jane Furch	Dave Duback	
Jan Jeffery, chair	Dick Hoffman	
Maggie Schnackenberg	Guy Mylander	

Ex-officio: Jim Locke, Treasurer; Holly Porrett, representing Mission Committee
 Advisors - Don Brackey, Steve Cummings, Steve Dahnert

All above under auspices of Finance

PROGRAM

WELCOMING

Rose Ackerman, liaison

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

Ex officio: Heidi Ortiz, Sunday School Director, Beth and Greg Peterson, Directors of Children, Family and Youth Ministries

YOUTH SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Ex officio: Beth and Greg Peterson, Directors of Children, Family and Youth Ministries

FELLOWSHIP

Janet Ferrone and Linda Kleckner, liaisons

WORSHIP

Kay Harr, liaison

MISSION AND SERVICE COMMITTEE

2020	2021	2022
Mark Netherland	Diana Berger	Ethel Doyle, chair
Holly Porrett	Jim Weinstein	Helen Jo Ellis
Connie Wiggins	Enode Okoli	Sheri Staten