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Dear friends,

Whenever I hear of a church member's death and plan his or her memorial service, I am honored to be a part of the closure of his or her life. Before the Covid 19 pandemic, when I planned and officiated funeral or memorial services I did them in their loving memories. But now I do them in the preparation of my own death. I think this pandemic brought me an awareness of my own mortality. In each death I see my own death with a hope that I will complete the course of my life in God's grace no matter when it comes. Somewhere I read that how we die shows how we lived. So, when we look at our own death, we look back on our own life. Stanley Kunitz says in his poem, "The Layers"

*When I look behind,  
as I am compelled to look  
before I can gather strength  
to proceed on my journey,  
I see the milestones dwindling  
toward the horizon.*

During the pandemic we lost some members. All of them were active and longtime members who left great legacies. It was hard that we could not have their services in their beloved church, Glenview UMC. I have been thinking about how we keep their memories and legacies alive among us in this faith community. However, the promise to keep their memories alive in our individual hearts is too heavy to

carry on because the older we get we have a feast of loss. So, we again turn to God's grace not only to live and die well individually but also to live out our loved ones' memories and legacies. In his poem, "Everything Falls Away" Parker Palmer sees all lives in a great tapestry. He says,

*Each of our threads runs its course, then  
Joins in life together. This magnificent tapestry –  
This masterpiece in which we live forever.*

Maybe it is not our burden to carry our loved ones' memories but our God's grace holding all of them and all of us in God's masterpiece of tapestry. We can rest in that grace and celebrate their lives, our lives and God's eternal life all together. So, I remind myself, and invite you, to the invitation of Jesus: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11: 28-30)

In the gratitude of God's grace

Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

# August 21

Tables are available to purchase at \$10.00 each for anyone who would like to buy a table and sell their own items.

No donations of items please. If you would like to purchase a table or volunteer at the UMW table, please contact Kay

Pastor Eun-Hye will be providing communion, prayers or counseling to anyone interested.

The boy scouts will be selling hot dogs and hamburgers

9a.m. - 3p.m.

Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

Susan Slaght  
Sharon Gernady

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



**Congratulations to Jane Grace Martinsen.** Jane Grace was baptized on July 11. Her parents, Luke and Elyse Martinsen and grandparents Joanne and Andy Richter along with many other family and friends were all in attendance for this special event. We welcome Jane Grace to our faith family.

**Congratulations to John Keenan,** winner of this year's Nilsson scholarship! John will be a junior at Notre Dame and will use the scholarship money to help finance some study abroad in England. Best wishes, John; we are so proud of you!



**Sarah Stasen** has moved to:  
820 Audubon Way, P.T. 515, Lincolnshire, IL 60069

**Loose Coins and Singles** in the offering plate and on-line for July, August and September: Heifer Project! Heifer Project International is a worldwide self-help organization that provides livestock and other animals, as well as agricultural services to over more than 84 countries. Each recipient of an animal agrees to give the first female offspring to someone else in need. Giving an animal is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs and more. Animal donations can provide families a hand up, increasing access to medicine, school, food and a sustainable livelihood.

# venture with beth and greg

Galatians 6:9, "Let's not get tired of doing good, because in time we'll have a harvest if we don't give up."

Seven days straight with no rain. Just in time to set up for our ASP at Home Family Picnic and Garden Dedication, a thunderstorm rolled into Glenview and it poured. We moved everything inside, just to have the sun come out. Since the lawn had a good soaking (and the gardens needed the rain too), we stayed in the social hall, listened to some great music, had some hot dogs and hamburgers, and enjoyed time with friends and family as we celebrated the work of the ASP at Home and Missions Teams. So much work went into the Glenview Necessities Network (GNN) Garden and so many people to thank. With grateful hearts, we thank **Ethel, Bill, Ed, Bob, Michel, Chris, Lindsey, Linda, Dave, Tom, Mike, Susanne, Karina, Amy, Spencer, Maddie, Fiona, Kiera, Brielle, Eileen, Kayt, Anne, Tim, Robin, Taylor, Nate, Walter, Sue, Jack, Owen, Claire and Maeve** for their work on the garden. Thanks to **Michel and Bob** for their help with coordinating and their support. Thanks to **Jan, Tom, Dave, Lindsey, Curt and Susanne** for making and serving dinner at our ASP Family Picnic and to **Diana** who stayed to help clean afterwards. Thanks to **Janet** for being GUMC's liaison to the GNN and helping with communication and coordination. Thank you to all who came out on July 24th despite the heat and the storms to help us dedicate the garden. And finally thank you to all who donated to ASP at Home this summer. Our combined online fundraising and free will offering raised just over \$1500 to be donated directly to ASP this summer.

Ok...exhale for a moment as we pivot. School will be starting in just a few weeks and we will begin our 2021-2022 program year with the annual Rally Day kick-off in September. As we plan for Children, Youth and Family ministry, we are mindful of the

delta variant and new masks guidelines and what that means for our ministry. We will stay vigilant to provide meaningful and safe ways to grow in faith, have service-minded discipleship and have fun. Watch the weekly e-news and your emails for upcoming dates and events.

Onward!  
Beth and Greg



## Outdoor Worship August 18

JULY'S EARLY MORNING OUTDOOR WORSHIP WAS A HUGE HIT! We are doing it again August 15.

There will be a worship service outside the sanctuary on August 15 at 8:30 a.m. Enjoy the fresh morning air and hear the word of God and receive Holy Communion. Chairs will be arranged on the front lawn in the shade. If you haven't been to church since the pandemic began, this is a great opportunity to worship in person. There will still be a 10:00 indoor worship service.

## IN MEMORIAM

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

**Bruce Birch** suffered a stroke on July 17 and passed away Monday, July 19. Services were held in Libertyville on July 26.

**Lil Strezishar** passed away Friday, July 23 in Arizona. A virtual service is being planned.

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

**Back to School Blessing.** With each new school year comes the excitement and anticipation of a new beginning, a new journey, a new chapter. Join us on August 22 at 10:00 a.m. for a special blessing to start the year off right.

## Learning To Love

Holy Father, I humbly walk by your side and in your shadow  
 Ever mindful of the vast difference between us  
 Why you love us is a marvel to me  
 In this world our humanity can be eclipsed by an astonishing evil  
 And yet still we pray trying to ease our conscience while we struggle  
 Struggle to provide as best we can, not always enough  
 Our love for others brings us to your embrace, not fully understanding  
 All the paths Humanity takes to arrive at the same doorstep  
 I wish we knew better, your caring obscured by our limits  
 Continue to give us hope, and continue to love those deserving  
 May our wish for peace ever be a fountain, which reaches a mighty sea  
 And in that vastness, may we achieve salvation's promise in our struggle's ending

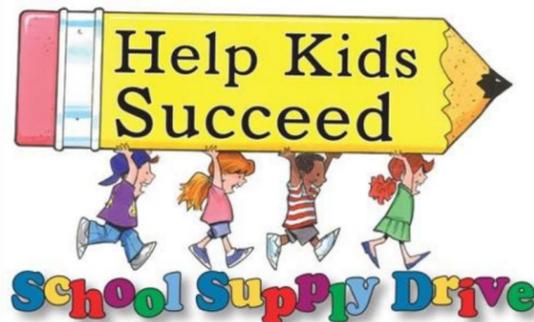
June 14th, 2021 Michel Agriopoulos

## School Supplies for Olivet UMC 2021

GUMC IS collecting School Supplies for Olivet UMC again! Olivet's program gives children in their neighborhood all the items they will need to help each child start the school year with a smile on their face and a spring in their steps. Our brothers and sisters at Olivet do so much to support the kids. On distribution day they not only hand out school supplies – they throw a party to celebrate the kids and their families.

This year, Olivet will be holding that party on Saturday, August 28th. To meet that deadline, GUMC will be collecting donations through Sunday, August 22nd.

If you deliver to GUMC, please leave your items in the collection bins by the Social Hall or the Church Office. If coming by GUMC won't work in your schedule, contact Diana Berger or the church office to arrange a pick-up.



- Pencils
- Spiral Notebook Wide Ruled
- Washable markers
- Supply box
- Scissors
- Kleenex
- Sketchpad
- Notebooks
- Dictionary
- Assignment notebook
- Pocket folders
- Crayons
- Pencil-top erasers
- Glue sticks
- Ruler
- Watercolor paints
- Colored pencils
- Additional folders
- Calculator
- Wide-ruled notebook paper

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



8/2 Sue Ready	8/2 Richard Schmid
8/6 Sharon Gernady	8/7 Scott Furch
8/8 John Hillis	8/8 Florence Labbe
8/9 Joanne Brand	8/9 Linda Duback
8/11 Skylar Read	8/11 Amy Slobodecki
8/12 Wesley Villaflor	8/13 Amy Doherty
8/13 Ellen Schaden	8/14 Peter Cummings
8/14 David Rowlands	8/15 Christopher Stoddard
8/18 Don Brackey	8/18 Sarah Russell Williams
8/20 Hugo Ortiz	8/20 Ed Pyterek
8/21 Eun-Hye Choi	8/22 Jane Furch
8/22 Sheri Staten	8/23 Kristin Phillips
8/24 Emily Phillips	8/25 Janella Vasquez
8/27 Dave Kleckner	8/28 Chris Ernst
8/29 Karen Daniels	8/29 Abigail Phillips

8/3 Ayden Gwozdz
8/7 Russell Lindley
8/8 Bryan Phillips
8/9 John Kwiatkowski
8/12 Aidan Conlin
8/13 Christine Miskovic
8/14 Susan Duback
8/16 Trevor Cummings
8/20 Fiona Doherty
8/20 Elaine Rechel
8/22 Bob Rowlands
8/24 Rob Frame
8/26 Kelly Schroeder
8/28 David Vassallo
8/31 Vito Ferri

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

8/1 Dawn Bode and Tim Chorvat	8/4 Anne and Leigh Dierbeck
8/4 Sherry and Kent Smith	8/5 Marianne and Don Brackey
8/6 Cindy and Chris Berg	8/13 Becky and Ken Houdek
8/15 Kathy and David Heetland	8/15 Betsy and Dick Schweers
8/25 Renelle and Michel Agriopoulos	8/25 Amy and Kevin Slobodecki



## Church Mice

