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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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September 12 10:00 a.m.

Worship! Sunday School! Ice cream!

Masks indoors and ice cream outdoors after worship. Come back to church and join us for a safe kick-off to the new program year!

Dear friends,
To be honest with you I have to say that I am disappointed and frustrated with the on-going struggle with the Covid 19 pandemic. I dreamed that by the Rally Day of this year we could start a full program year with the soaring sounds of our choir, the coffee hour after worship, children and their laughter, in-person Bible study meetings, circle meetings, and Sunday brunch with church friends. When I realized my dreams needed to be on hold longer, I was very frustrated. I lamented, "How long!" Then, I remembered you, the faithful people of God of GUMC. Without coffee hour, without choir music, without childcare, without fun and joy, you keep showing up for this faith community on Sunday morning in-person and on-line, for Bible study, for reaching out to the people of our community, for committee meetings, for sharing new ideas, and for building up the relationships with each other and with God. I realized you are patient and faithful, I must be like you. If you don't give up, I cannot give up. I thought long and hard about what sustains you to stay in love with God and with your faith community during this difficult time. I realized you are holding onto hope. Hope is beyond the rewards and comfort we may expect from a faith community. I believe you hope for the healing of the loved ones, churches, and communities not only from the current pandemic and other illness but also from our collective wrong doings of the past. You find hope in God and so do I.

I realize that we have choices to make as a faith community and as a human race whether to be more hopeful and kinder or to be bitter and frustrated. Glenview UMC chooses to be faithful and hopeful even when we are vulnerable. So, we carefully start this program year with faith, hope and love. There will be a Rally Day celebration on September 12th with worship and special music and the "chat and ice cream" after worship on the church front lawn. Please plan to join the celebration. On Rally Day we will kick-off children's Sunday School and confirmation class in the morning and GUMY in the afternoon. We will start adult Bible study group on Wednesday morning in-person and evening on zoom. Prayer Shawl group meets in the choir room. The Support group meets on zoom. We plan to start a Book Club reading theologically sound nobles. And please take time to look around our two community gardens, the Memorial Garden, and the Biblical Garden we have on the church campus. Also, take time to watch the children of Wesley Childcare and Glenview Methodist Preschool running around in the courtyard and playgrounds during school days. God is doing amazing works here and you are the partner of God's on-going creation works. May the light of God's face shine on you today and every day! Thank you for your faithfulness!

In gratitude
Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

Susan Slaght
Sharon Gernady
Bonnie Frame
Richard Schmid

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

Studying Genesis

The book of Genesis received its English name from the Greek translation of the Hebrew word, toledot, which is used thirteen times in Genesis and is translated as "story," "record" or "line." Wednesday Bible study group will read all stories of Genesis which make a great narrative line of Judeo-Christian faith. We will read the stories of Genesis and share our insights, comments, and questions. There is no textbook to buy or read. We will have a prayer time at the end of class. The first meeting will be on September 8th in-person at 10am in the choir room and on zoom at 7pm. Please read the first four chapters of the book and prepare your comments and questions. Please contact pastor Choi at echoi@glenviewumc.org to get a zoom link for evening class or to register for morning class. Please invite friends and neighbors to join in the opportunity to study Genesis and to share prayer concerns!

venture with beth and greg

As part of our Christmas gift last year, our kids gave us books. One of the books my daughter gave me was "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans. It was a book that she had read as part of a bible study she did with other ASP summer staffers when ASP was cancelled in the summer of 2020 due to covid. It's a good one. As we plan for this upcoming year, there are pieces of wisdom that seem particularly applicable as we embark on another program year, hoping to turn the covid corner, seeing it in sight but still in the midst of it. Quoting Ms. Evans, "Go to church, take communion, show up at the homeless shelter, march in a protest, pray for healing, rebuke chaos...move your feet and your heart will catch up...It's been said that if you want to walk on water, you have to get out of the boat." Our ultimate goal is to help our youth grow into discipleship minded leaders in our church and community. That all begins with going to church and taking communion. Our journey begins on Rally Day, September 12th with our kick-off meeting after the worship service and Rally Day ice cream. All Confirmation students, GUMYouth (6th-12th grade) and their parents should attend.

OUR SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER IS BELOW.

September 12th: Confirmation and GUMY Kickoff Meeting (following the Worship Service and Fellowship time).

September 19th: New Confirmation students receive their bibles during the time for Young Christians in the 10 am worship service. Confirmation to follow until 11:00 am. GUMY from 4:30 - 5:30.

September 26th: Confirmation 10 - 11 am (start in the Sanctuary), GUMY 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Looking forward to the journey!
Beth and Greg



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 19 at 10:00 as we celebrate this tradition!

Support Group meets monthly

Do you cope with loss and grief? Do you need some encouraging words or understanding ears? The Support Group of Glenview UMC meets every second Thursday at 1:30pm on zoom starting on September 9th. Please contact pastor Choi at echoi@glenviewumc.org to get zoom link.



Blessing of the Animals October 3
Women's Wellness September 18 & October 23
Trunk or Treat October 31
All Saints Day November 7
Advent program redesigned December 12



Dear GUMC family,

We very much appreciated all the work that went into the service of Marilyn Eichelberg. Pastor Choi spoke so kindly, and Becky Netherland sang so beautifully and Kathy Heetland played the organ so well. Marilyn had a memorial service beyond expectations because of the efforts of her church family. Thank you!

The family of Marilyn Eichelberg

Loose Coins and Singles in the offering plate and on-line for September-October 2021:

refugeeONE
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Refugee One creates opportunities for refugees. Over the last 20 years thousands of Afghans have risked their lives working alongside the U.S. military in Afghanistan. Evacuation is underway to help those allies. Refugee One is ready to welcome and help them rebuild new lives of safety, dignity and self-reliance. Refugee One is there to help from the moment they land at O'Hare. They are provided furnished apartments, English classes, job search support, mental health care and mentors to help them adjust to life in the U.S. To learn more, visit them on the web at www.refugeeone.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!!!

On August 22nd, we shared a back to school blessing for students, backpacks and school supplies. It is always a great way to start the school year. Thank you to all who donated school supplies for Olivet.

We are super excited to be back in person this fall for Sunday School and have great programming lined up for our youngest Christians. This year, we are doing Sunday School following a rotation model. This means that your child will learn about people in the bible through art, games, music, and science and maybe a little drama and media now and then. Though we do already have four lead teachers for k - 5th grade, we will need parent and high school youth volunteers to be the second set of helping hands in those classrooms. We will also need volunteers for our preschoolers. If you are interested in either volunteering for our preschoolers during the Sunday School time or being the helping hands, please contact us asap at petersons@glenviewumc.org.

Sunday School will kick off on September 12th with a group activity and celebration during the Sunday School time. We will all start in the sanctuary and go to the social hall after the Time for Young Christians during the worship service. The first rotation will be on September 19th and 3rd graders will receive their bibles during the Time for Young Christians at the 10 am worship service that day.

For the month of September, Sunday School students will join our Missions team in collecting money for the Heifer project. Start saving your change and join us on Rally Day to pick up your Giving Bank. On Rally Day during our group activity, children will learn more about the Heifer Project.

We look forward to starting up again this fall and seeing all of our friends back at church once again. Masks will be required for teachers, helpers and students. .

See you on Rally Day!

Peace,
Beth and Greg



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.



9/2 Ben Mohr	9/3 Sherry Smith
9/3 Justin Zabielski	9/4 Holly Hendee
9/7 Andrew Brand	9/7 Ashley Daniels
9/7 Alisha Potter	9/8 Eric Campbell
9/11 Ginny Peterson	9/12 Dawn Bode
9/13 Michael Denzel	9/14 Scott Houdek
9/16 Bruce Siewerth	9/17 Dean Carlson
9/17 Jaclyn Welter	9/20 Dick Hoffman
9/20 Delia Rowlands	9/21 Randy Johnson
9/22 Michael Rislely	9/23 Jeff Mohr
9/25 Bob Frye	9/25 Char Moneyhon
9/27 Parker Holzhuetter	9/27 Dale Sailer
9/28 Robert Rothermel	9/29 Rachel Tweddle

9/4 Becky Netherland
9/7 Scarlett Jones
9/10 Peggy Curkov
9/12 Amanda Losquadro
9/16 Gerry Gans
9/17 Viola Scannell
9/20 Ken Ready
9/21 Jackson Ventura
9/24 Andrew Duback
9/27 Eden Cummings
9/27 Laura Sailer
9/30 Guy Mylander



9/1 Melissa and Greg Gwozd	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	

