



The Visitor

February, 2022

Dear beloved ones,

I remember last year's winter and talk about it often. Sub-zero cold wind was hovering in the Midwest without a break for the most part of February. Some nights, snow plows scrapped off the church parking a lot more than once or twice. We needed a ray of sunlight, a bowl of spicy soup, a cup of hot tea or anything that could warm our hearts, spirits, and bodies. We are in the deepest winter again and we look for comfort and strength, and hope in God and support from each other, to march through the cold and the pandemic. Where do you find hope and strength? The author of Psalm 121 says, "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."

How about you? Where do you find? From hymns, prayers, poems, or Bible verses? In February we will have a new sermon series, "Where is My Help Coming From?" We need your input and participation. I invite you to let us know your favorite hymns, prayers, or Bible verses. Submit them to church office at office@glenviewumc.org or to me at echoi@glenviewumc.org. We will incorporate them in music, Bible readings, prayers, and sermons. Worship liturgy means the participation in the sacred through reflecting praise and it incorporates and unites our hearts and yearnings in God's work and God's heart.

I remember you in my prayers and keep you in my heart. Loving God and loving each other guides us to a new destiny of the post-pandemic church. Though the valley we walk through is still dark and cold, God is with us, and God's rod and staff protect us and guide us. Thanks be to God!

With gratitude,
Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

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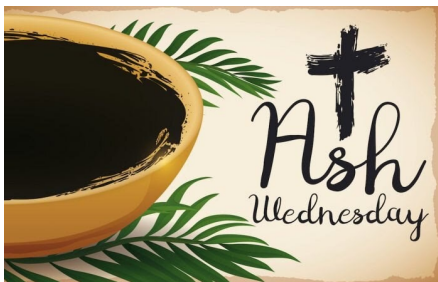
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Following the loving example of Jesus Christ, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person as a beloved child of God. We welcome into the life and ministry of Glenview United Methodist Church all persons of every age, ability, race, gender identity, ethnicity, nationality, marital status, sexual orientation, family configuration, or socioeconomic or employment status.

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March 2

Lunchtime Imposition of Ashes: Stop by anytime between 12:00 and 2:00 in Pastor Eun-Hye's office.

Evening Worship and Imposition of Ashes:
7:00 pm. in the Sanctuary and on Facebook Live.

Please mark your calendar now, and come to one of our services to receive ashes on this first day of Lent.

Individual ash kits will be used.

Let us begin this holy season of Lent together!



February 27

The Sunday before Ash Wednesday we will have praise music in Mardi Gras style. Come to worship in your best cheerful hats, beads, scarfs, and clothes. Before we move into the season of Lent, we lift up our spirit and praise God in Mardi Gras style!

Tentative Chili Cook-off Date. Watch your e-news and Sunday Bulletins for up-to-date information.

**Let us remember the following
members in our prayers.**

Susan Duback

Members with health concerns who wish to
remain private.

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

Pastor Eun-Hye: Echoi@glenviewumc.org or
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IN MEMORIAM

We have received news that former member, **Tom Longabaugh** passed away on January 6, 2022. Please keep his son, Robert and their family and friends in your prayers.

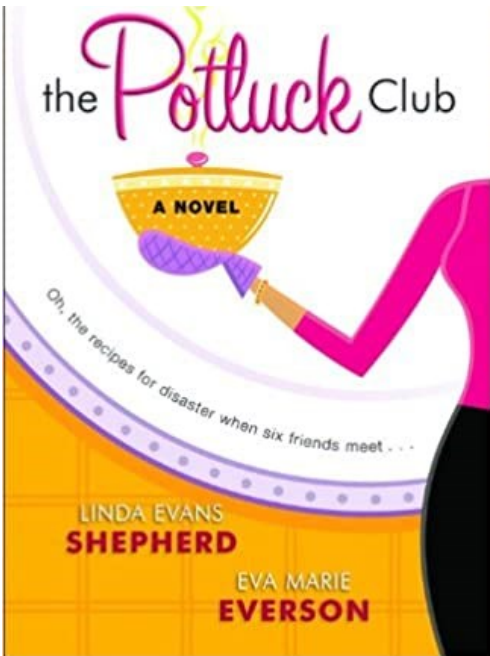
Long time former member, **Roger Jackson**, died in Tomahawk, Wisconsin on Jan. 18. Prayers for his surviving wife Barb, and their family.

May God's love and grace comfort these families at this time.

Welcome to our newest members who joined our church family on January 9, 2022.

Chris Ferrone has been worshipping at GUMC since he married Janet in 1995. They have 2 college age children, Alex and Haley. Chris is currently serving on the Trustees Committee.

Beth and Jason DeBaker have been very active at GUMC. They have two children Layla and Jayden who regularly attend Sunday School. Beth serves on Staff Parish Relations Committee.



In the small Colorado town of Summit View, a surprising multi-generational mix of women from Grace Church meet once a week to pass a hot dish and to pray. But the Potluck Club, as they call themselves, is a recipe for disaster when they send up enough misinformed prayers to bring down a church. And the funny thing: the more they pray, the more troubles seem to come their way. It isn't until they invite God to the table that they discover friendship is the spice of life, and a little dash of grace, just like salt, goes a long way.

The Potluck Club by Linda Evans Shepherd and Eva Marie Everson. Join in on the discussion February 22 at 7:00 in the parlor. Led by Donna Kwiatkowski.

Our Thanks!

Bob and I want to express our gratitude to all those who sent us beautiful cards for our anniversary. On October 21 we celebrated 60 years of marriage. We are so blessed to belong to such a caring and thoughtful church family.

~Wand and Bob Frye

(This note was lost for 3 months. Apologies to the Fries for not publishing this sooner.)



venture with beth and greg

Though January started with yet another Covid surge and an ice storm, we were still able to have youth participate in the worship service and continue to hold Sunday School, Confirmation and GUMY. We welcomed in Epiphany with our Magi (Layla DeBaker, Keira Reid and Brielle Dougherty) processing to *We Three Kings* during the worship service. Not sure why it made us a bit teary eyed, but it did. Thank you to our Wise Ones for volunteering (or agreeing) to participate. In Sunday School, our Sunday School teachers connected Epiphany to John and Jesus' Baptism and helped students to explore the ways Jesus taught us to pray and the importance and meaning of the Lord's Prayer.

In Confirmation, we started our transition from exploring the Old Testament first semester to the New Testament for the second semester realizing that there are some 400 years between the Old and New Testament. We also did some geography studies so we know the "where" of what we are learning. And we learned about how the New Testament is set up and who did most of the writing. Any guesses?

In GUMY we had an Epiphany Gift Party since we had to cancel our Christmas Party (Covid close contact...ended up being negative but didn't know that in time for the party - such a different world we are all navigating). For Martin Luther King Jr. day, we took some time in GUMY to watch a documentary on MLK Jr. In addition to hearing about the importance of the event, we reflected on the fact that some of the organizers and key people for The March on Washington that occurred in August 1963, when some 250,000 people gathered in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. were in their late teens and early twenties. The same age as some of our GUMYouth and college mentors. As we work to see what differences we can make in our own life and community, we did take time out to enjoy the snow in late January and did some sledding at John's Park.

Looking to February, in Sunday School we will continue to meet from 10 am - 11 am on Sunday mornings and will continue our exploration of people of the Bible through art, science, music and bible skills and games. In Confirmation, our focus through Lent will be Jesus and the Gospels. Confirmands recently learned that Gospel translates to Good News - perfect that the sign at GUMC's driveway says, "No Fake News here - Just Good News!" For GUMY, we look to planning ASP for summer 2022 with the hopes of being able to be on the road to the Appalachian region. Though we will still have a donation collection for the Super Bowl of Caring on February 13th, our typical Super Bowl Chili cookoff has been rescheduled for February 27th (stay tuned for verification and details as we get closer). That is also Mardi Gras Sunday, but we think we can make it work if covid cooperates. Also be on the lookout for church merch that you can purchase as part of our ASP fundraising efforts.

Stay warm, safe and healthy GUMC!

And see you at church!

Peace,

Beth and Greg

Quick and Easy Donations : Use your smartphone camera or QR reader app to quickly and safely make your donation to GUMC. With one quick scan, you can send in a one-time donation or schedule recurring donations. Thank you for your generosity!



Notes from the Mission and Service Committee



Update on our New Neighbors, Afghan Refugees

Thanks to all who have donated supplies, helped and offered to help resettle our new neighbors in Chicago.

The 4 Afghan men assigned to Northbrook & Glenview UMC's are settling in. They had requests for: TV's, bikes, & computers. All have been supplied, either donated, or purchased with donated funds by NUMC & GUMC. Some from GUMC have visited our new neighbors several times along with mission leaders from Northbrook UMC. Delightful and interesting visits.

Yones - has a good job as a translator for several refugee agencies. He's fluent in 5 languages.

Hamid – has some English and is working hard each day to learn more. Will go to ESL classes. He has a job.

Ghaze and Badshah, cousins, know very little English but are studying, they will take ESL classes, no jobs yet.

All are living in good efficiency apartments in the same building in the Rogers Park area.

The biggest need now is for people to help them practice English. If interested in tutoring or just talking with them, please contact Ethel - 847-9755-0361

Whose Birthday is it, Anyway?

Once again, our congregation stepped forward to provide holiday gifts for those in need through the "Whose Birthday is it Anyway?" program. The recipients of your generosity, from The Inspired Youth Tutoring Program, Methodist Youth Services, Glenview Terrace, and Olivet UMC have all expressed their sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

Likewise, I am truly grateful to each of you who stepped up to purchase a gift. You made my job easy, as all of the names were taken in the first two weeks. This is particularly heartwarming during these very trying times when so many are struggling. This is the history of the GUMC congregation; always answering the call when someone is in need.

Our collection day ran smoothly, in large part to HelenJo Ellis, Connie Wiggins, and Sheri Staten, who stepped up and volunteered to assist me in any way I needed. I could never have done it without them. Additionally, thank you to Ethel and Larry Doyle who delivered the gifts to The Inspired Youth and Ed Porrett, who helped me deliver gifts to Glenview Terrace, the senior service agency we chose to serve this year for the first time. Thank you to Doris Stengl and Janet Ferrone who provided assistance with the online sign-up and stored the many gifts which were brought in early. Sue Ready, who managed this program for so many years, offered continuous support throughout. I am so grateful for all of her help.

Thank you for continuing to support these wonderful organizations through the "Whose Birthday is it, Anyway?" program.

Holly Porrett



Giving to your church through your will is a good way to continue your support of your church beyond your lifetime. When your estate plan is prepared, consider including plans for a gift to GUMC.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Here are our February birthdays (no anniversaries this month). If you have a February birthday or anniversary and your name is not listed, please call the church office so we can update our records.

2/2 Claire Cummings

2/2 Leigh Dierbeck

2/2 Sally Villaflor

2/3 Cindy Carlson

2/4 Avery Ellis

2/4 Olivia Rowlands

2/5 Jeanette Hansen

2/6 Tom Johnson

2/9 Bill Forman

2/12 Ben Campbell

2/12 Vince Curkov

2/13 Sue Acer

2/14 Maya Depies

2/14 Matthew Holzhueter

2/15 Troy Conlin

2/16 Anna Ortiz

2/17 Nick Depies

2/17 David Heetland

2/18 Emerine Cummings

2/20 Matthew Chorvat

2/20 Luke Ferri

2/22 Nolan Tagtmeier

2/24 Tim Lankford

2/24 Darlie Rejuso

2/25 Chris Ferrone

2/26 John Scannell

2/26 Leslie Schroeder

2/28 Sue Schnackenberg



You are cordially invited to the
**EAGLE SCOUT
COURT OF HONOR**

honoring

Aidan Timothy Conlin
Troop 32

Sunday, February 13, 2022

One o'clock in the afternoon

Glenview United Methodist Church

727 Harlem – Glenview, IL

Kindly RSVP

Email: janetplnit@comcast.net

Lib Nightingale Mission Fund Distribution for 2021

The Missions & Service Ministry Team, stewards of the Alice E. (Lib) Nightingale Mission Fund, is happy to report the fund distribution for 2021. They meet Lib's vision and interest in missions.

GNN (Glenview Necessities Network) Garden \$6,239.73

NOMADS in honor of Ray, \$200.00

Apportionments \$3,000

UIC Inclusive Collective \$1,000

*Care for Real \$2,500., (Former GUMC Assoc. Pastor, Rev. Gregory Gross is Executive Dir.)

UMCOR for Haiti – Grace Children's Hospital \$2,000

UMCOR – U.S. Disaster Response \$1,000

Northern IL Justice for Our Neighbors \$2,000

Afghan Refugee Family Program, partnering with Northbrook UMC \$1,000,

Blackfeet UM Parish, Browning, MT \$500

Tree of Life Ministry, Mission, SD \$500

*Olivet UMC \$500

Reconciling Ministries Network \$1500

Midwest Mission Distribution Center \$1500

* Two of the thank you letters received are printed in this *Visitor*.



Coins and Singles 2021 Report

The Missions and Service Ministries would like to thank the congregation for the generous coins and singles received during 2021. The money served a variety of organizations including UMCOR US Disaster, Heifer International, The Debra Gelfand Children's Foundation, Refugee One, and Wesley Child Care Scholarships. The total for 2021 was \$1796.91. Thank you.



Coins and singles in the offering plate in February and March: The Dignity Diner.

The mission of the dignity diner, a restaurant style meal program, is to

feed the homeless and hungry with respect and dignity. Every Tuesday night they feed approximately 50 homeless and hungry patrons. The diner is located at holy covenant Church in the Lincoln Park area.

Please donate on line at www.glenviewumc.org/donate-online using the "other" option and specify Loose Coins. Or you can mail a check to the church with "Loose Coins Diner" in the memo area.



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January 6, 2022

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Dear Friends,

We were so gratified to receive your donation made on behalf of the Lib Nightingale Memorial Fund to Care for Real. Thank you for believing in our mission.

Your \$2,500.00 contribution means the people we serve today will have a better and easier tomorrow. It will enable us to provide enough food for our clients to make 12,000 meals.

Thank you again for your contribution to Care for Real. Please feel free to contact me should you have questions. I can be reached at gregory@careforreal.org or by phone at 773-769-6182 extension 110. I would love to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Gregory Gross

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Executive Director

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*Friends,
I am so honored by
your support of CF-
especially in Lib's name.*



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Rev. Dr. Eun-Hye Choi, Pastor
Glenview United Methodist Church Family
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November 4, 2021

Dear Rev. Dr. Eun-Hye Choi & Glenview UMC Family,

The Olivet UMC community would like to thank you for your continued support of our ministries in the West Garfield Park neighborhood. Your faithful generosity with your gifts and time have been a blessing to all of us.

First, our annual Back to School giveaway event was a huge success due to the donations from your community. We were able to provide backpacks, school supplies, and books to about 70 students in the neighborhood. Families expressed much gratitude for these necessary supplies in this time of uncertainty and financial stress.

Also, our Covid-19 vaccine clinics have been a blessing in the neighborhood. We have provided vaccines for over 50 community members in an area that lacks easy access to other vaccine administration locations and continue to schedule more clinics as new people continue to come. Your financial support has allowed us to also bless those getting vaccinated with gift cards. Many were surprised by the generosity of the church. We even received a thank you card expressing gratitude for this ministry of convenient healthcare. Other community members trusted the vaccine with a church offering it. We are thankful for your support of this important ministry!

Thank you for offering the spirit of Jesus to our community with your time, gifts, and generosity. We are truly blessed to work in connection with you to offer such important community-building ministries. We look forward to continued collaboration in ministry.

In the peace of Christ.

Pastor Nick Joyner & Olivet Family



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