



# The Visitor

March, 2022

Dear friends,

The journey of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is one of my favorite Christian holidays because of its beauty. It is a celebration day for Christians rather than a dread day of remembering our mortality. I remember the eyes of a child who once came to Ash Wednesday service with his mother and eagerly anticipated receiving ashes on his forehead. When I put the ashes on his forehead, I choked on the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," but he smiled. I believe, for him, it was another free gift (grace) from Jesus that he received at his church. Jesus tells us that we never enter the Kingdom of God unless we become like children. Once we receive ashes as another way of God's grace, we become freer and more joyful, like children. A couple of times, when it was possible, I asked children to put ashes on grown-up's foreheads. It was beautiful. There are no other words I can use to describe it.

We jokingly say, "I will stop eating chocolate during Lent." Rather than deleting something for Lent, why don't we add joys to our family, church, workplaces, and the community more intentionally? Starting on Ash Wednesday, I will put ashes on my forehead every morning before I make coffee or turn on music and read. I will add God's grace on my forehead first. The ashes will be gone once I take a shower and go out to the world, but the grace will stay with me all day to share with the world. When we remember our mortality every morning, and admit that there is no cure

for being human so that we can't escape from pain and suffering, we turn to God's grace realizing every breath and every moment of life is a chance to find joy and be thankful.

The sermon series of this year's Lent will be "Jesus and Movies." Watching movies is one of my pleasures. I enjoy other humans' creativity, imagination, and brilliant insights for life, death, and love. I hope and pray that you find more joy and gratitude this Lent, remembering our mortality and God's grace which rains on every moment of this mortal life. Here are the movies I will refer to during Lent and I hope you watch them and share your thoughts with me.

March 6: CODA (Children of Deaf Adults)

March 13: Encanto

March 20: Don't Look Up

March 27: UMW Sunday

April 3: The Tragedy of Macbeth

With gratitude of Ashes  
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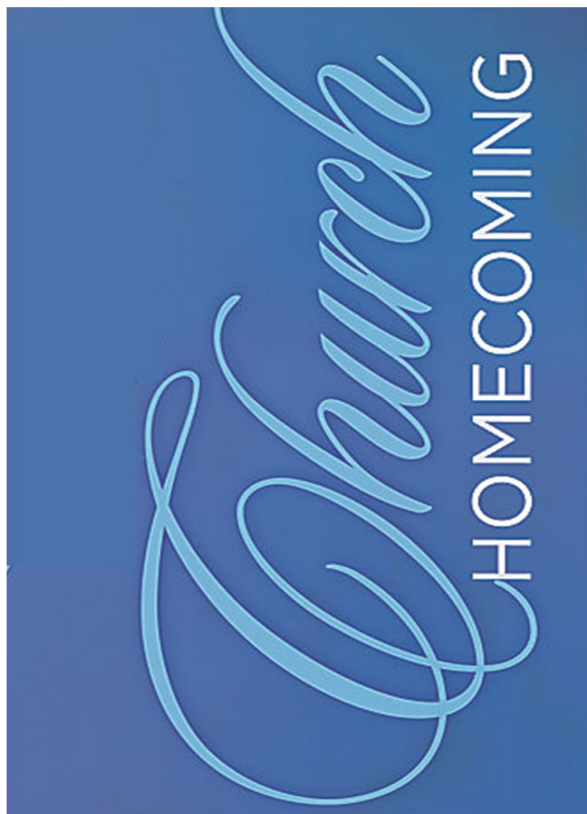
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**AFTER A LONG COVID HIATUS  
MARCH 6  
10:00a.m.**



**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Join us for worship at 10a.m.

Communion

The Sanctuary Choir Returns

Coffee Fellowship begins at 11:00.

**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.

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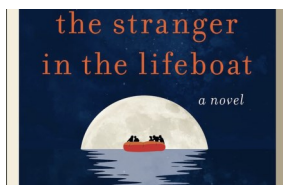
**Welcome to our newest member: Lauren Locke!**

Lauren joined our church family on February 22.  
Please add her contact information to your church  
directory.

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**Book Club announces it's next book!**

The Stranger in the Lifeboat  
by Mitch Albom.

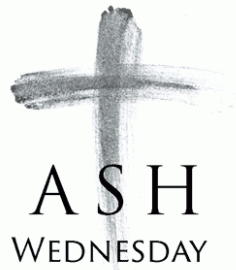


What would happen if we  
called on God for help and  
God actually appeared? In Mitch Albom's profound  
new novel of hope and faith, a group of shipwrecked  
passengers pull a strange man from the sea. He  
claims to be "the Lord." And he says he can only  
save them if they all believe in him.

**Discussion date is March 22 at 7pm in the Parlor.**



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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.

Individual ash kits will be used.

### Why Ashes on Wednesday

*Ash Wednesday is the first day of the Christian  
season called Lent. Lent originated in the 4th century,  
and was initially a time of preparation for those  
being baptized at Easter. Since baptism is an act of  
introduction into a community of faith, the entire  
community was called to this "time of preparation."  
Additionally, those people who had been removed  
from the fellowship of the church (for a number of  
reasons that are not particularly important for us to  
get into at this time) were also called to this time of  
self-examination, prayer, fasting, and introspection  
before their re-introduction to the church.*

*The ashes symbolize our humility before God, and our  
recognition that we are mortal. It is a time when we  
reflect on what we need to change in our lives in  
order to live responsibly and lovingly as a member of  
the created world. This Lent, take a fearless moral  
inventory of your life, and look for ways to find more  
love, peace, and fulfillment.*

By:

Teresa Angle-Young is a pastor who is simply seeking  
God, loving neighbors, and trying to follow Jesus.

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## Thursday Evening Lenten Series

### Four Thursdays in Lent

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Parlor



March 10: Brad Underwood - Theology in Russian Literature

March 17: Cori Mohr- Advocating for Disabled Students

March 24: Joanne Richter - Yoga and Spirituality

March 31: Christy McSweeney - Mental Health and Spirituality

Soup loving prepared by Linda Kleckner.



## Men's Group

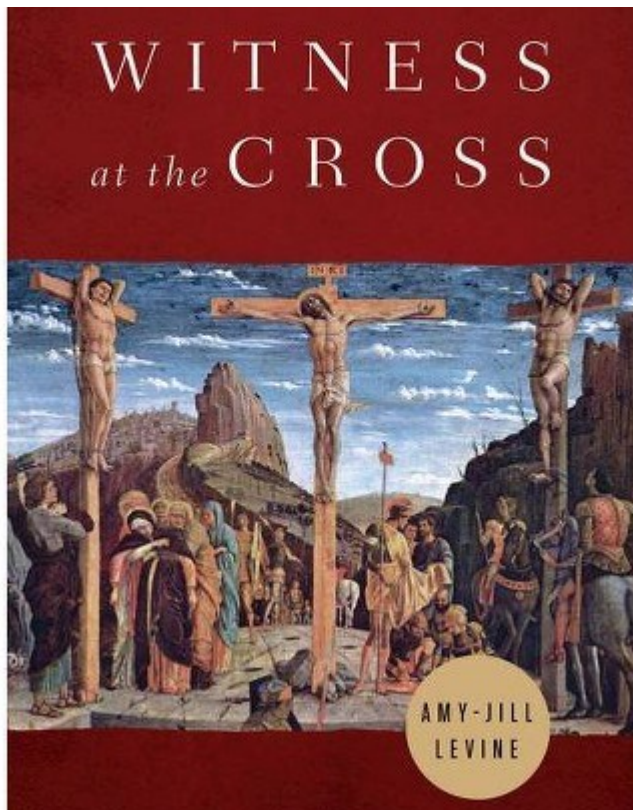
March 20

9:00 to 10:00 am

Parlor

All men are invited to join this relaxed coffee fellowship and enjoy the conversation and socialization.

Contact Curt Corbige with any questions.



## Wednesday's Lenten Study

### Witness at the Cross

by: Amy-Jill Levine

Wednesday Nights via ZOOM

Beginning March 9 at 7:00 pm

You can order the book at Amazon or pick up a copy in the church office. Cost of the book is \$17. There are only 5 copies in the church office. Contact pastor Eun-Hye to receive the ZOOM link. (echoi@glenviewumc.org)

# venture with beth and greg

We often reference the United Methodist Church's Discipleship Ministry resources to get ideas for Family Ministry and to stay connected to the wider UMC community. This year for Lent, their theme is ***Gathered Up in Jesus***. We have always honored the Lenten season - a time to reflect, repent, refocus, slow down as we prepare for Easter. Living through a pandemic, you could say our youth and families have navigated, well...a lot. February 18th, being in the schools when it was announced that masks may not be able to be mandated and mask wearing would not be enforced, the mixed responses added yet another layer of uncertainty and anxiety for many youth. ***Gathered Up in Jesus*** seems a really safe and sure place to land this March.

In Sunday School and Confirmation, we will continue learning about people in the New Testament. Our Sunday School Children will learn about the Good Samaritan and Martha and Mary as we prepare for Palm Sunday and Easter. Our Confirmation students will wrap up their study of the Gospels with John and start our study of Paul's theology. In GUMY, as we continue to nurture our seedlings that will be planted in the Gelfand Garden this spring, we will also spend time in March to plan for summer ASP either at home or on the road. Though Covid positivity rates and hospitalizations are down, with ASP not requiring vaccinations of all their volunteers, there are mixed reviews on whether we should be traveling this summer. There is much to consider with regards to travel and sleeping quarters and all the "what ifs" that our ASP adult leaders are contemplating. A decision will be made in March.

This Lent, for all k-12 and their families, to continue with our goal of combating hunger, we will participate in Heifer International's Fill the Ark project. Families will receive a bank to collect their change and a Lenten Family Devotion Calendar that provides daily challenges. To get us started on our path to be ***Gathered Up in Jesus***, we encourage all to attend the Ash Wednesday service on March 2 at 7 pm with your families.

## **FAMILY MINISTRY CALENDAR FOR LENT**

March 6th and April 3rd : Sunday School at 10 am, Confirmands and GUMYouth attend the Worship Service with Communion (no afternoon meetings)

March 13th, 20th and 27th : Sunday School and Confirmation 10 am, GUMY 4:30 pm

April 10th - Sunday School and Confirmation 10 am, with Easter Egg Hunt to follow GUMY 4:30 pm

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!







Consider naming Glenview United Methodist Church as a beneficiary in your will or living trust. The gift could be a set dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, the remainder after other gifts are made, or a gift of that part of the estate left if designated heirs are deceased.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

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

3/1 Keira Read  
3/2 John Whitfield  
3/3 Tom Schroeder  
3/5 Jessica Gimeno  
3/7 Jennifer Sawicz  
3/8 Howard Tweddle, Jr.  
3/10 Dick Schweers  
3/13 David Slaght  
3/16 Jack Murphy  
3/18 Pat Fawcett  
3/20 Jonathan Urban  
3/25 Casey Berg  
3/27 Nicholas Ferri

3/1 Elyce Ventura  
3/3 Mabel Janke  
3/5 Samantha Derrington  
3/6 Lindsay Kleckner  
3/8 Greg Gwozdz  
3/9 Kevin Denzel  
3/11 Steve Ellis  
3/14 Mark Netherland  
3/17 Orpha Laurie  
3/20 Janet Conlin  
3/22 Chris Walters  
3/25 Dan Stryker  
3/30 Sharon Dahnert



3/5 Joy Forman  
3/7 Christopher Berg  
3/8 Burton Randle  
3/10 Jean Deal  
3/11 Zachary Urban  
3/16 Richard Krcik  
3/18 Bob Deme  
3/20 Jeff Ludwig  
3/22 Mason Tagtmeier  
3/26 Jonathan Hutchins  
3/30 Carlos Velez

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

3/14 Valerie and Barry Putman  
3/21 Marie and Dick Hoffman

3/20 Delia and Mark Rowlands  
3/31 Susan and Richard Krcik



**Pastoral care for our church family!** Too often we find out about illnesses, crises and hospitalizations after they occur. This is a missed opportunity for the calls and visits we would like to share. Please let us know if there is a concern in your family or in another congregants family (with their permission). We need your help in order to offer ours.

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# Parents Reconciling Network

PRN is a group of parents and loved ones of LGBTQ+ children. If you're looking for a community of celebration and support, find us online!

We every 2nd Tuesday on Zoom  
@ 12pm ET | 9am PT.

Email us: [prn@rmnetwork.org](mailto:prn@rmnetwork.org)



Website:

[rmnetwork.org/prn](https://rmnetwork.org/prn)  
or use this QR code

## Refugee (New Neighbor) Update

The four Afghan men assigned to Northbrook & Glenview UMC's are doing fairly well. They all have jobs, are learning to navigate Chicago, shopping, transportation and are taking English classes. They appreciate the support and encouragement we have given them and will continue to give them for as long as needed. Thank you !!

However, more refugees are coming to Chicago and more help is needed. As of Feb. 1, more than 1,890 Afghans have resettled in Illinois since last fall's evacuations in Afghanistan, according to the Illinois Department of Human Services. Another wave of Afghans — about 400 — are expected to arrive this month in Illinois. In total, there could be up to 3,000 Afghans who end up calling Illinois home. Plus refugees from other countries are also arriving.

We work with Refugee Community Connection and the Muslim Women's Resource Center who support Refugee One to resettle the refugees as comfortably as possible. They work hard to have apartments set up for arriving refugees and to do so they need supplies. Enclosed is a list of items the agencies use. If you can help with any supplies, please mark the bag "for Refugees" put them in the collection bins near the Social Hall or in the rotunda. If you have larger items to donate, like furniture, contact Ethel Doyle, 847-975-0361 to arrange for pick up.

Refugee Community Connection
2021 items for each new Afghan family
Items in <b>bold</b> must be new. All others can be gently used, but clean. Please maintain quality control to support the dignity of the family.
The quantity of items marked with an asterisk (*) will vary, based on the number of people in a family.
RCC supplements what the resettlement agencies aren't able to provide. The resettlement agency typically provides each family with beds, 1 set bedding per bed, and a table and chairs. Furniture purchased by the resettlement agency usually comes out of family's government Welcome Money. This means that if a family wants furniture and we can provide it free, then the family can keep more of their Welcome Money.

<b>Item</b>
Dishes*
Bowls*
Drinking glasses*
Tea cups / mugs
Silverware*
Steak knives*
Silverware holder divider
Microwave
Insulated Carafe for tea 2L
Pressure Cooker (for stovetop, not electric)
Divided/sectioned platter
Blender
Electric mixer or hand mixer
Set of mixing bowls
Set of pots and pans
Set of baking pans
Serving bowls and dishes
Large serving platter
Set of cooking utensils
Serving spoons/forks
Measuring cups and spoons
Chef's knife and paring knife
Tea kettle or electric hot water kettle
Tea pot
Can/bottle opener
4 small plastic food storage containers
4 large plastic food storage containers
Dish drying-rack with tray
<b>Broom</b>
Dust Pan
<b>Mop</b>
Bucket
Matches or lighter
<b>Cutting board</b>
Colander
Potholders
Kitchen towels
<b>Dish soap</b>

This is an abbreviated list. To view the extensive list, please visit the church website under calendar/events tab.

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<b>Paper towels (minimum 2 rolls)</b>
Large kitchen garbage can (with lid)
<b>Kitchen garbage bags</b>
<b>Scouring pads and sponges</b>
<b>All-purpose cleaner</b>
<b>Scouring cleanser</b>
Containers for rice, flour, cereal
boot tray
shoe rack (can be hanging)
30 hangers
Wall Clock
Alarm clock
<b>Laundry detergent (large jug)</b>
Laundry baskets
Window Air Conditioner
Box Fans
Curtain Rods
Curtains
Laundry basket
Blankets* / Quilts* / Comforters *
Baby blanket* (if needed)
Sheet sets including pillow cases* (1 set per bed)
Pillows*
Mattress pads*
crib sheets (if crib is needed)
crib mattress pads (if crib is needed)
Desk and chair *
Chest of drawers for clothing *. + Hopechest
Dining Table (sized for this family).
Dining Chairs *
Sofa / Couch if requested
TV
TV antenna
table for TV
Desktop computer (incl. keyboard, mouse), or Laptop
Ethernet cable
Phone charger wall plug and USB cable
Smart Phone (if needed)
Coffee table / Tea table
Lamps
Side tables
Bed side table / night stand
Bookshelf
<b>Toilet Paper (at least 6 rolls)</b>
Bathroom waste basket
<b>Plunger</b>
<b>Toilet brush</b>
Towels (including: bath / hand / washcloth)*
<b>Bar soap and liquid soap*</b>
<b>Hand sanitizer</b>
<b>Face masks (surgical 3-layer, KN95, N95, or 3-layer cotton reusable, plus kids sizes if needed) *</b>
<b>Shampoo*</b>
<b>Deodorant*</b>
<b>Toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss*</b>