

April 1, 2022

Dear friends,

Spring is here! We have longer day light and see the signs of spring everywhere. Small flowers push through the ground, song sparrows sing loudly, and frogs jump around with new energy. Yesterday when I went out for a walk to a forest preserve center, I realized the soil smelled different. Even soil is waking up to prepare a new season of growing and nurturing lives. This year I am going to find some flowers and vegetables that grow in shade. I love trees surrounding my house but there is not enough sunlight to grow something because of the tall trees. But I am sure that there is something beautiful that can grow in the shade. I just need to research. A new beginning is exciting, challenging, and beautiful always.

The Covid cases are going down with warmer weather and we see each other face-to-face more often. After two years of the current pandemic, we are preparing a new beginning at GUMC. The choir is back leading the worship with beautiful music. It's so good to hear and see them. There are some new faces too. I am so thankful for our choir. After worship the fellowship hour is back in the parlor. Please grab some donuts and coffee and catch up with longtime friends and welcome new ones. We are thankful for the angels who prepare it every Sunday. The Lenten program "Soup and Substance" was back with new speakers. We thank Linda Kleckner who prepared the meals and the presenters who gave us new insights. Prayer Shawl group, UMW circles, Men's Group,

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the Book Club, and the Bible study group are back to meetings. Our library has a new face thanks to Donna's Kwiatkowski's service. Everyone has different talents and gifts, but we build up one body, the Body of Christ. I hope that you find support when you need it and find opportunities to serve others with your gifts and talents in this faith community.

The Holy Week starts on April 10th with Palm/Passion Sunday. Holy Week is a sorrowful journey remembering Jesus' suffering and crucifixion. We don't know how to journey through Holy Week well and faithfully, but we know that we have this faith community encouraging each other with presence and prayers to keep moving along on this journey. I believe that all we can do to prepare for Holy Week is make a quiet space in our hearts and lives to hear the stories of Jesus and have open hearts praying for the forgiveness of our own guilt and cowardice. So, on Easter Sunday we will shout with the women who witnessed Jesus' empty tomb and his resurrection on the first Easter morning. Only by the grace of God, who resurrected Jesus Christ, we are saved! Thanks be to God!

With gratitude,

Eun-Hye Choi, pastor



Holy Week

April 10-17



Palm Sunday

April 10 10:00 a.m.
Procession With Palms

On this first day of Holy Week, the drama of Jesus' passion begins as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Children's Holy Week Experience

9:50 Children will begin Holy Week with the Palm Procession.

11:00 A traditional Easter egg hunt will take place around the church grounds.



Holy Thursday

April 14

Holy Communion

in Pastors office between 12-2
for people who want to take
Communion in private.

**6:00 p.m. Reflection and
Communion**
Simple Soup Supper
parlor

We will gather to share a simple meal as Jesus did with his disciples on the Holy Thursday before his death. After the meal we will hear a reading and remember Jesus' last words and share the communion as he asked us to do.

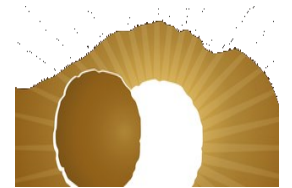


Good Friday

April 15 7:00 p.m.

A Service of Tenebrae

The story of the suffering and death of Jesus from John's gospel is divided into 16 readings. After each segment of the story is read, a candle is extinguished. After the fifteenth reading, which confirms that Jesus had died on the cross, the last of the 15 lit candles is extinguished or taken away, and a loud sound is made to convey the sense of total loss of God's presence and the effect of the death of Jesus on the universe. Worshipers leave in silence to ponder the impact of Christ's death and await the celebration of the coming Resurrection.



Easter Sunday

April 17 10:00 a.m.

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

Jesus the Resurrection

A Celebration of Resurrection

Let us celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! On this most joyous day, we will worship with the triumphant music from our choir and instrumentalists, and a message of hope. Christ is risen! Hallelujah! Let us rejoice!



Let us remember the following members in our prayers:

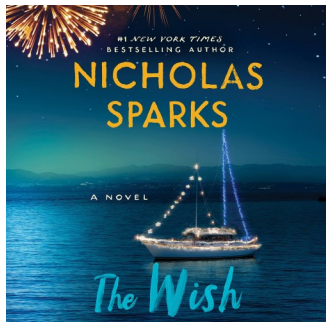
**Tom Schroeder, Damian Neuberger,
Judy Neuberger , Annette Johnson, Scott Harr**



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. Pastor Eun-Hye: Echoi@glenviewumc.org; Office@glenviewumc.org; 847-729-1015.

New Phone Number for Rose Ackerman: 224-529-9047

Chili Cook-off Winners announced: Thanks to everyone who joined us to taste and vote on a dozen chilis! We raised \$840 for ASP! Thanks to all of our chili chefs for sharing their recipes with us, we could not have done this without you! And the winners are: for Best Presentation Susanne and Robin! For Hottest we had a tie between The Conlins and Curt Corbige! And finally our first double winners! For both Most Original and Best Overall, The Espino Family! Congratulations to all of our winners, but honestly all the chilis were fantastic! For a list of all those who participated, please see the shout it in "Adventures with Beth and Greg".



Next Book Club Book Announced!

Discussion on April 26 at 7pm in the parlor. *The Wish* , by Nicholas Sparks. This bestselling novel is about the enduring legacy of first love, and the decisions that haunt us forever.

Even if you haven't read any of the past books, feel free to read this and hop in on

the discussion on the 26th. Everyone is welcome!

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

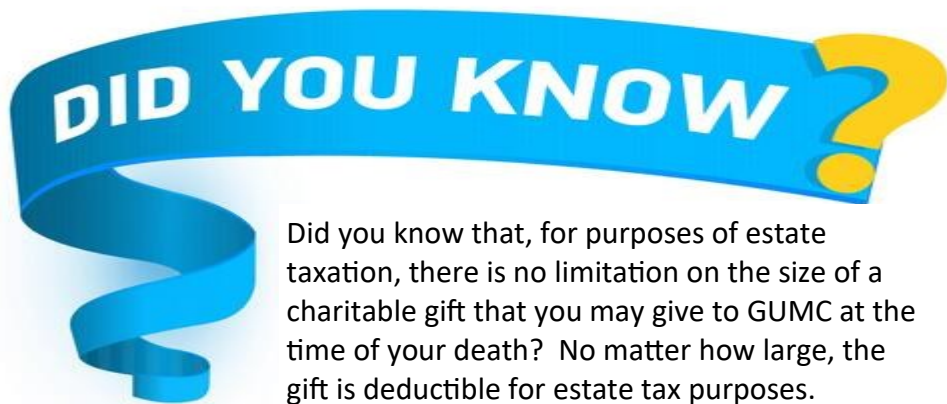


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4/2 Marilyn Stowell
4/4 Jack Curkov
4/4 Julie Murphy
4/5 Joey Roth
4/5 Cheryl Tweddle
4/6 Jan Jeffery
4/11 Ann Barnes
4/13 Emma Porrett
4/14 Dawn Denzel
4/16 Caryn Granzow
4/17 Marie Hoffman
4/18 Becky Houdek
4/22 Gabriel Velez
4/25 Joyce Fridell
4/28 Dee Cooper
4/29 Claire Rowlands

4/2 John Curkov
4/3 James Rejuso
4/4 Ken Houdek
4/5 Brian Conlin
4/5 Juanita Smith
4/5 Xander Vasquez
4/8 Cori Mohr
4/11 Barry Putman
4/13 Danny Suhadolnik
4/16 Nathaniel Brand
4/17 Kristin Daniels
4/17 Matt Jones
4/22 Matthew Kowski
4/25 C. J. Berg
4/26 Larry Doyle
4/29 J Anderson



4/8 Eun-Hye Choi and Chris Walters
4/12 Susan and David Slaght
4/21 Sue and Ken Ready



Did you know that, for purposes of estate taxation, there is no limitation on the size of a charitable gift that you may give to GUMC at the time of your death? No matter how large, the gift is deductible for estate tax purposes.

Food Pantry News: Thank you to all that have donated to the food pantries. Throughout the last two years our church has continued to support those people of our community in need. We alternate our food donations to Maine and Northfield Township Food Pantries. They have been very appreciative of our contributions. Right now there is a need for rice (plain and mixes), canned vegetables, canned chicken, canned tuna, cereal, and laundry detergent.

Loose Coins and Singles in the offering plate and on line will be donated to UMCOR. With the sudden humanitarian need of the Ukrainian people after the invasion of Russia our coins and singles will go to UMCOR Response and Relief. This money will provide direct assistance to Ukraine as well as Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries. If you wish to donate more write a check with Advance #9824-50 Ukraine written on the memo line. One hundred per cent of all contributions go to the designated cause.

Nilson Scholarship! Now is your chance to apply for the Nilson \$1,000 Scholarship Award. It is for any GUMC member who will be enrolled in the fall of 2022 as a full time student in a college or university. Your entry for this award should consist of a short essay highlighting your accomplishments and activities, your higher education plans, and future career and personal interests. Also, please include a brief explanation as to how this award would benefit you. Entries must be submitted to the church office in a sealed envelope marked "Scholarships". The deadline is June 1.

Thrifty Trinkets, Treasures,
Crafts & Bake Sale

FROM: 9AM – 3PM ON
SATURDAY
MAY 14TH
See you there!

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Support your local chapters as well as find some great thrifty items.
Wanda's Wonderful Donut Balls will be available for purchase.

Admission is free and all ages are welcome.

*If you are a chapter, or would like to sell your thrifty items, please contact
Kay Harr at 847-724-8020 or the church office email at office@glenviewumc.org*

Rummage Sale Alternative: Have you been collecting things you no longer want or need but they are too nice to toss away? Consider purchasing a table at the UMW Trinkets, Treasures and Craft Sale. The sale is Saturday, May 14th from 9 am – 3 pm in the social hall. Table price for church people is \$10.00 and for outside guests is \$20.00. The church will NOT be collecting items. Please buy a table and sell your own items and YOU keep the profits!

Adventures with Beth and Greg

Sunday School, GUMYouth and Confirmation News

Spring doesn't only bring us warmer (hopefully) weather, it also means we are nearing the end of Lent and looking forward to Palm Sunday and Holy Week... and Easter!

On Sunday April 3rd Sunday School will meet in the Social Hall at 10am while our Confirmation students will attend the worship service. GUMYouth will meet at 4:30pm in the Social Hall.

Sunday April 10th is Palm Sunday. The Sunday School and Confirmation kids will be a part of the procession into the Sanctuary with their palms and after the Children's Message will head off to their classes. Immediately following class (11am) we will be holding our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn. GUMYouth is again scheduled to meet at 4:30pm in the Social Hall.

Easter Sunday is April 17th and we want everyone to attend the Easter Service with their families. There will be no Sunday School or Confirmation class on Easter Sunday! We will also take a Sunday off for GUMYouth on Easter Sunday. All groups will resume at their regular times on Sunday April 24th.

And lastly, Beth and I would like to give a final thanks to everyone that took the time to make their favorite chili recipes and shared them at our Chili Cook Off. Here is our list of participants and helpers. We could not have done it without you! Pastor Eun Hye Choi, Susanne Rudolph and Robin Woitesek, Mike and Gina Vilches, Barb Galarza,

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The Kleckners x2, Curt Corbige, Chris Ernst, The Conlin Family, The Read Family, The Doherty Family and The Espino Family. Thank You!

As always please check the weekly Eblasts that you receive from GUMC and also the Weekend Updates that Beth sends every Friday/Saturday. These will always have the most current information that pertains to Children, Youth and Family Ministries. If you are not receiving these in your inbox please contact us with your most current email address and we can be sure you are added. Email: petersons@glenviewumc.org

See You In Church!

Peace,
Greg and
Beth

