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Dear friends,

Some children who were so little and cute when I arrived at Glenview UMC grew tall and mature. Some young people who just finished high school at that time now graduate from college. And some young people with whom I went on the ASP mission trip before the pandemic now work in the world. In the same way some people keep telling my son, Tim, that he has grown so tall and changed his voice deep like an old man. I believe one of many blessings we share as a faith community is caring and raising young people together. Except in a faith community where do young people experience continuous multi-generational care, attention, and love beyond their nuclear families? I don't remember what I learned in my childhood home church, but I always remember the warmth of it from people in addition to Sunday School teachers and pastors. At that time, I didn't know that was love. I just felt safe, accepted, and warm. I hope our children have the same experience.

We will have a confirmation ceremony for our young people on May 15th. Three students will share their faith stories and become the full members of Glenview UMC. We are happy for them, not because they know what they believe, but because they step up to share who they are as a follower of Jesus Christ. I remember Tim shared with me and Chris before his confirmation ceremony that he struggled with believing in God. We told him that we wanted him to know his church was a safe place and all he needed was to be honest with who he was and what he thought. I believe he still has many doubts, but he is happy to be a part of GUMY (GUMC Youth Fellowship) and help the Sunday School whenever he is available. All our young people find their own ways of becoming Christians if we accept them as who they are and let them know God loves them as who they are.

The leaders, members, and volunteers of our children/youth/ family ministry have been enduring and striving the hard work of Christian education and fellowship during the two years of the pandemic which was already hard enough before the pandemic. We give thanks to God for them. Please let them know you appreciate them. Also, please let our young people know you care for them, love them, and pray for them.

Congratulations to our Confirmation students, to the graduates of 2022 from high school and college, and their loved ones. May God bless all of them and their tomorrows!

With gratitude, Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

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Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

Beth Peterson, Judy Knoblock, Tom Schroeder

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

Pastor Eun-Hye: Echoi@glenviewumc.org or Office@glenviewumc.org



Words are not adequate, but all we have, to say a heartfelt thank you to this church family. You have held all of us in your hearts and prayers during Susan's chemotherapy treatments and we are beyond grateful. She is done with chemo and now begins a journey of healing. God bless.

Susan, Linda, David and Andrew Duback



Office Closed: The GUMC office will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.





8th Graders! High **School Senior College Seniors!**

June is our **Graduation Edition**

of the monthly *Visitor*. Are you graduating middle school, high school college, or trade school? Let us know your plans for the future. Email office@glenviewumc.org so we can share your good news with your church family.



DIAPER • DRIVE

In low income households. babies often spend the entire day or longer in a single diaper, because the family cannot afford to buy an adequate supply of diapers. Low income parents cannot

take advantage of free or subsidized child care if they cannot afford to leave disposable diapers at the childcare centers. An unfortunate consequence of an inadequate supply of diapers is work and school truancy among the caregivers. A baby crying from being in a soiled diaper for a prolonged period of time may be at a greater risk of physical abuse by the caregiver, as recognized in studies of patterns of abuse among low income families. Please show your heart for children by dropping off any size diaper or wipes to the church collection bins. Now through May 15.



ZOOM Support Group

If you need ears to listen to your griefs, struggles, or hurts please join in GUMC's

Support Group. This group meets the second Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm on ZOOM. Please contact Pastor Choi at echoi@glenviewumc.org to get the ZOOM link.

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



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5/1 Bonnie Frame 5/2 Hannah Russell 5/4 Lyn Johnson 5/7 John Galarza 5/8 Larry Stiefvater 5/10 Patrick Keenan 5/13 Kristopher Denzel 5/15 Philip Sailer 5/16 Bodie Williams 5/21 Annette Johnson 5/22 Joyce Hosler 5/26 Maddie Peterson 5/28 Grace Ludwig 5/30 Allen Pyterek

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

5/4 Dawn and Michael Denzel 5/9 Susan and Tom Urban 5/21 Caryn and Will Granzow 5/28 Bonnie and Rob Frame

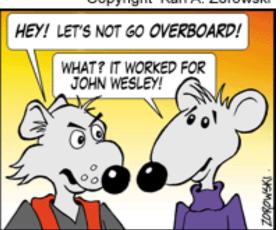
5/7 Matthew and Korey Holzhueter 5/15 Judy and Patrick Keenan 5/28 Barb and Keith Cordell 5/29 Sharon and Steve Dahnert



Church Mice



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Did you know that the laws of the state where you are living at the time of your death will determine how your estate is settled if you have no will of your own? These laws might

not leave your property to the people you want to receive it. And, these laws definitely don't leave any gift to your church or any other charity. Would you not rather make these decisions yourself?



Please bake some treats for our UMW Trinkets, Treasures, Crafts and Bake Sale on May 14th. Drop the treats off in the church kitchen labeled for the bake sale on Friday, May 13th. It can be cookies, bars,

cake, cupcakes etc. or even something like trail mix. All church bakers are asked to help if willing. It would really help if things were labeled & packaged for selling for example: 6 to a dozen for cookies, etc. Thank you in advance for your support.



Book Club Book Announced: Pachinko, by Min Jin Lee

In the early 1900s, teenaged Sunja, the

seashore near her home in Korea. He promises her the

adored daughter of a crippled fisherman, falls for a wealthy stranger at the

world, but when she discovers she is pregnant--and that her lover is married--she refuses to be bought. Instead, she accepts an offer of marriage from a gentle, sickly minister passing through on his way to Japan. But her decision to abandon her home, and to reject her son's powerful father, sets off a dramatic saga that will echo down through the generations.

Book discussion will be June 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor. Everyone is welcome!

God's Mission for Our Time

Mission is so many things, sometimes misunderstood— We often think its goal is to be far off doing good. And that's a part of it, for sure, and many hear that call. But there is much to mission that we hardly know at all.

We cannot all be those who do Gods work in foreign lands: Or even those who use their skill through building with their hands. With so much to do in all the world we often feel quite small; We could become discouraged and get nothing done at all!

But, starting right within ourselves (God's spirit can renew it) We have a mission — all we need Is just our faith to do it. To hold a hand, to give a hug, To pray and show we care; Such love can open up the hearts of people everywhere.

And so God's mission for our time demands our very best. It has to do with faith an love combined to meet each test. Each day we start is fresh and new, And how we choose to fill it Can be our mission where we arehowever God may will it!

> Wanda Frye 1995

Adventures with Beth and Greg

Beth and I would like to thank all those involved for such a beautiful and inspiring Easter Sunday worship service! As we turn our attention to May, we realize that we are just a few Sundays away from celebrating the affirmation of baptism for three of our middle schoolers. On Sunday May 15 we will celebrate the Confirmation of Layla DeBaker (mentor Laura Underwood), Brielle Doherty (mentor Caryn Granzow) and Mikko Espino (mentor Pat Keenan). We hope that you can all join us for this very special Sunday to listen to their Statements of Faith and welcome these three amazing kids as members of GUMC!

With the program year winding down, Beth and I have been planning for events this summer to keep kids and families engaged. This also includes service days for our GUMYouth since we will not be traveling to Appalachia. Once we have finalized these dates/events we will post them in the weekly Eblasts, our Weekend Update emails and the monthly Visitor newsletter.

One more "Save the Date"! On Sunday June 12 we will host our Graduates Breakfast. All high school and college grads are welcome to join us for breakfast at 9 am in the parlor and be recognized during the 10 am worship service. Please forward your information to Petersons@glenviewumc.org by Sunday, June 5th so we can be sure to include it in the bulletin.

See you in Church! Peace Greg and Beth



BIKE TO WORSHIP WEEKEND

MAY 20-22, 2022



PLEASE JOIN THE GLENVIEWCLERGY ASSOCIATION IN THISCOMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT ANDBIKE (OR WALK) TO YOUR HOUSE OF WORSHIP Bike Glenview is a community-wide initiative that promotes biking as a healthy, cost-effective and lowpolluting way to travel around our Village. The initiative is made possible through a cooperative effort of the Village of Glenview, Glenview Park District, Glenview Public Library, Glenview Chamber of Commerce and the Glenview **Environment & Natural Resources** Commission. For more information, go online to bikeglenview.com.

Collections for New Neighbors (Refugees) continues as more refugees are arriving weekly and the refugee help agencies work hard to set up apartments with household supplies and furniture before their arrival. For a listing of needed items, read the April Visitor. You may drop off items in the collection bins near the social hall or by the church office - put a sign on the item "for Refugees" If you have larger items, like furniture to deliver or to arrange for a pickup - contact Asmaa at 773 -764-1686, asmaa@mwrcnfp.org, Muslim Women Resource Center, 2812 W. Devon Ave., Chicago, IL 60659. For other possibilities or questions contact Ethel Doyle, 847-975-0361.



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 4-year 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.



Wednesday Bible Study on zoom at 7pm.

We will read the *Book of Galatians* 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.

Please contact Pastor Choi at echoi@glenviewumc.org to get a zoom link. Please invite friends and neighbors to join in the opportunity to study Galatians and to share prayer concerns!



A Great Way You Can Help a Hurting Friend

Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who has suffered a loss or is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can help them—tell them about our Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministers are members Glenview United Methodist Church who have received special training to provide high-quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.

To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Ethel Doyle or Damian Neuberger. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

Loose Coins and Singles:

in the offering plate will go to UMCOR-Ukraine. 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. Donations can also be made though the GUMC website. Go to Donate Online and use a checking, savings or credit card.



ALTAR FLOWERS: We invite the congregation to commemorate a special occasion, such as a birthday, anniversary or a child's special achievement by hosting the altar flowers on Sunday. On your flower Sunday, a note commemorating your event will be published in the Sunday Bulletin. Of course, "To the Glory of God" is always a good choice too. There is a small fee for the flowers and you may take them home to enjoy following the service. Call the church office to reserve your Sunday.

Get Your Monthly Visitor online at:

<u>www.glenviewumc.org</u>



The jungle is jumpin' with jazz in this exciting adaptation of the classic Disney animated feature The Jungle Book. Join Mowgli, Bagheera, Baloo,

King Louie, and the gang as they swing their way through madcap adventures and thwart the ferocious tiger, Shere Khan. Adapted especially for young performers, this musical includes favorite Disney songs including "The Bare Necessities" and "I Wanna Be Like You." With colorful characters and that toe-tapping jungle rhythm, The Jungle Book KIDS is sure to be a crowd-pleaser for all ages!

AT GUMC!

FRIDAY, MAY 6 AT 7PM
SATURDAY, MAY 7 AT 2PM & 7PM
SUNDAY, MAY 8 AT 2PM
Tickets go on sale beginning on April 10th!
Adults: \$11 - Children (12 & under): \$9



Join us for Youth Services' Painted Window Tour taking place between Sunday, May 1st and Sunday, May 8th! Painted windows around Glenview and the surrounding areas will be on display to promote the mental health and emotional wellness of children and youth. Come out and enjoy them all! Be sure to use the hashtag #YSisHere as post photos, share your favorite windows, and tag @youthservices_ along the way!

Stop by and see the GUMYouth window at Core Power Yoga. 1819 Glenview Road