



# The Visitor

August, 2022

Dear friends,

I once read somewhere that beauty is salvation. If we found beauty in and around us, we would survive and even strive in any circumstance. Somehow, during the current corona virus pandemic, I believe we gained the ability to find beauty more and more often. I am looking out the window, facing our backyard, where a fully bloomed Rose of Sharon fills the window like a still oil painting in a frame. They bloom in the morning and fold their faces in the dark. Their beauty is brief but gorgeous. Because of the pandemic, we were forced to slow down and we found beauty in many places, though it could be brief. Ironically, we also find ourselves struggling with more conflicts and more violence since this pandemic. First, it was about unsettling racial conflicts manifested in the violence against black sisters and brother and Asian immigrants. Acrossed the line of skin colors, people gathered everywhere and raised voices against the on-going racism. We find beauty and hope in those faces and voices. Then, it was gun violence. It happened in the Uvalde Elementary School, a grocery store in Buffalo, New York, a Jewish synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and then in Highland Park, Illinois. The sadness is so deep. We want to close our eyes to this tragedy. But if we close our eyes, we give up on the hope of finding beauty around us, though it may be hard and brief. There is no beauty in guns and weapons. We find beauty and hope in humanity, despite those faces that are marred with agony and sorrow for the innocent victims and their loved ones. Also, we console more and more young people who suffer with mental health issues in this environment of uncertainty and traumas. Recently, I read a report saying that depression in young people is mainly due to the traumatic events of their lives rather than a chemical imbalance in their brains. Somehow, we need to help them to find beauty and hope even in this time of uncertainty.

One of our young people organized a street demonstration against gun violence in Glenview. Since then, some people of our church decided to meet to discuss gun violence and find hope in and around us. In this Visitor, there is an article from Scott Daniels about the gathering. I hope you come and be a part of this dialog. We invite and welcome young people to this gathering and we will listen to them. I believe we will find beauty and hope in the midst of our searching and sharing. You are the beautiful people of God and I give thanks to God because of you.

With gratitude,

Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

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

Beth Peterson, Judy Knoblock,  
Ed Pyterek, Connie Wiggins, Susan Slaght  
Avery Ellis

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

Pastor Eun-Hye: [Echoi@glenviewumc.org](mailto:Echoi@glenviewumc.org) or  
Office@[glenviewumc.org](mailto:glenviewumc.org)



**August 21 at 10:00 a.m.**

Chairs are provided. Come as you  
are and enjoy God's Word in the  
fresh open air. Service will also  
be available on Facebook Live.

*Thank  
you*

Dear GUMC Family,

Our family cannot find adequate  
words to express our gratitude for the outpouring of  
prayers, love and support; which included cards,  
calls, meals, and pastor visits during Larry's illness  
and following his death. We are forever grateful and  
thankful.

Peace & Love,

The Doyle's  
Ethel, Kim, Karina and families

Thank you all for all the  
cards and prayers. It has  
been wonderful to see  
how many have reached out to us during this time.  
Thank you,  
Leslie Schroeder

*Thank You*



**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** The Prayer Shawl ministry is a small group effort with a  
valuable mission at the church. We provide prayer shawls that are soft, lightweight  
and full of comfort and prayer. Each shawl is prayed over and dedicated to the  
receiver. Recently, I had the privilege to give two shawls to Glenview Terrace  
residents. After reading the dedication card and presenting the shawls to the  
recipients, I became a firm believer in the importance of this small mission. The recipients were effusive in  
their thanksgiving and delighted to have been included in our prayer shawl ministry. At least 10 prayer shawls  
have been given out in the past year or so.

If you can't attend the meetings, please feel free to knit or crochet a prayer shawl to donate to the cause. If  
you would like to learn how to knit or crochet a prayer shawl, please contact Judy Neuberger or Donna  
Kwiatkowski.



Who needs estate planning?  
Every adult who is legally competent, who owns anything and cares about who receives it at the time of their disability or death. In addition, estate planning is necessary for anyone who wants to leave a bequest for their church.

### BREAKFAST WITH HEDY LAMARR

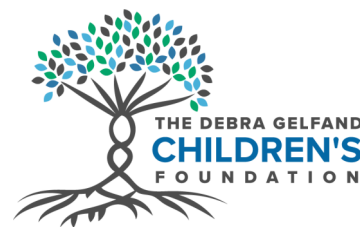
In person performance by Lynn Rymarz  
Saturday, September 17th  
10:00 am

Glenview United Methodist Church

\$20 In Advance/\$25 At the Door  
Call 847-729-1015 to register

True story about a wonderful person. It starts when Hedy Lamarr is an aspiring actress at 19 in Vienna, and was pursued by Fritz Mandl. She became a scientist who helped develop technology we use in communications today.” Copied from a book jacket - “The only Woman in the Room” by Marie Benedict. “Her beauty almost certainly saved her from the rising Nazi Party and led to marriage with an Austrian arms dealer. She overheard the Third Reich’s plans while at her husband’s side, understanding more than anyone would guess. She devised a plan to flee in disguise from their castle, and the whirlwind escape landed her in Hollywood. She became Hedy Lamarr, screen star. But she kept a secret more shocking than her heritage or her marriage: She was a scientist. And she knew secrets about the enemy. She had an idea that might help the country fight the Nazis . . . if anyone would listen to her.”

**Loose Coins and Singles:** in the offering plate in August and September will go



to **The Debra Gelfand Foundation**, a non-profit organization, currently helping District 34 families experiencing hardship with food, household items, rents to prevent evictions, and other types of assistance. The foundation relies solely on donations. At this time coins and singles will go to the Foundation. Please donate generously to this partnership between our church and this resource to those most needy in our community. To learn more about the **Debra Gelfand Children's Foundation**, visit [www.Debragelfand.org](http://www.Debragelfand.org).

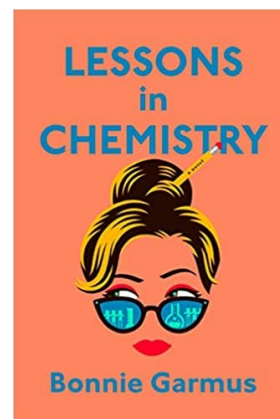
Donations can also be made through the GUMC website. Go to [www.glenviewumc.org](http://www.glenviewumc.org) and click on “Donate Online” and use a checking, savings or credit card.

### Book Club Book

**Lessons in Chemistry** by  
Bonnie Garmus

Sharon Gernady will lead the discussion on August 3th (Wednesday) at 7pm in the Parlor.

Laugh-out-loud funny, shrewdly observant, and studded with a dazzling cast of supporting characters, *Lessons in Chemistry* is as original and vibrant as its protagonist.



**Join the discussion on Wednesday!**

### Sabbath Garden News:

After a rather slow start this Spring, the Sabbath Garden is now in full growth mode. The first real harvest of fresh produce, all of which will be taken to the Northfield Food Pantry, began this last week. 12 1/2 pounds worth to be exact. This included carrots, beets, green beans, green and jalapeno peppers, cucumbers, collard greens, and chard. Some of the tomatoes on the plants are just showing hints of red. Harvesting will continue throughout the rest of the summer and into the fall. There will continue to be watering, weeding, as well as more harvesting. Feel free to walk into the garden and enjoy the beauty of the veggies as well as the milkweed and butterfly weed plants. If you would like to help with the garden, just contact me, Mark Netherland, marknetherland314@gmail.com and I will let you know how to get involved. Don't let inexperience stop you, we are all amateurs. I just learned how to harvest collard greens and the rainbow chard yesterday on line. If you are already a master gardener, that would be wonderful as well.

### Our New Neighbors/Refugees - Update

November 2021 we were contacted by Northbrook United Methodist Church asking if we could partner with them to help with newly arriving Afghan Refugees. GUMC agreed to do so. We were assigned four men. All had helped the U.S. military in one capacity or another and were evacuated on short notice when the U.S. Military pulled out of Afghanistan. Many of you were very helpful in helping us collect household supplies for them and other needs as became evident, TV's, computers, bikes, etc. Your generosity helped other refugees as well.

As an update of the four men in our charge for 6 months or more: Yones is doing very well. He speaks 3-4 languages and had excellent English before arriving here. He is enjoying his role with the Muslim Women's Resource Center as translator and in other capacities. Grazi Han went to Nebraska at the invitation of a friend and an offer of a good job there. Badshah has a job in Chicago and lives with several other refugees. (They are responsible for their own rent after 3 months so the more that can share with rent the better.) Hamid has a job, just got a driver's license, and is working very hard to learn English. Sharon from NUMC and Michel from GUMC work/tutor with him weekly via phone. His English is coming along very well. He is worried about his wife, children and parents in Afghanistan and continues to talk with his case worker here re: his immigration status. None of the four were from the recent earthquake area.

Thank you for helping these refugees and others to get settled in a new land, where everything is new to them. You helped more than you may ever realize. Thank you. Thank you.

**Missions & Service Ministry**



If you would like to help plan the event, please contact Janet Ferrone at [Jferrone@glenviewumc.org](mailto:Jferrone@glenviewumc.org)



- **Invitation: Discussion Session**
- **Topic: The Proliferation of Firearms. What should we do about it?**
- **When: Monday, August 8, 2022, 7:00PM**
- **Where: Church Choir Room**

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You have probably heard of the theory of “six degrees of separation”. The theory is everyone in the world is no more than 6 handshakes away from being connected with everyone else. When watching the news reports of mass shootings in other cities, the events appeared far away. With work, one could eventually find someone close to the action, but it would be someone probably at the end of the “six degrees of separation”. For many of us, the shooting in Highland Park changed all of that. Initially I didn’t think I knew anyone close to the event. However, I recently discovered someone I know lives in Highland Park and knows someone that knows a person that was at the scene of the shooting. That’s “two degrees of separation”.

This last week, I found that a person sitting next to me in a class I am taking is a Highland Park shooting survivor. He was there with his wife and granddaughter. He was as close as you could get to the shooter. He saw bodies dropping around him. His granddaughter dove for the ground, his wife covered her, and he covered them both. He says the only reason he survived was by the grace of God the shooter was bad at it. That is now “one degree of separation”. The event was as close as you can get without being there.

It's scary. I worry it may only be only a matter of time until events become a very personal tragedy for someone in my family.

As Methodists, we are part of a long tradition of action. At the turn of the previous century, Methodists were responsible for the temperance movement. Since then, Methodists have participated in missions to promote the physical and spiritual health and welfare throughout the world. On a recent Sunday morning, Beth and Greg Peterson’s daughter, Maddie, organized members into a protest to voice our opposition to the proliferation of firearms. We as a church need to continue our tradition of action and keep the momentum behind Maddie’s initiative going!

On Monday, August 8 at 7:00PM in the Choir Room, members are invited to a discussion of what the role of our church should be in pursuit of this worthy goal. Discussion points will be 1) How do you feel about the proliferation of firearms, and 2) What steps, if any, should be taken to address the problem? It will only be a discussion, but it will be a start.

Please join us!

Scott Daniels  
Coordinating Council Chair

# Adventures with Beth and Greg

According to the church calendar, we have been in the season after Pentecost since June 6th and will be here until November 26th, the day before Advent. Some churches call this period "Ordinary Time." The end of the school year and the end of a church program year, summer break and the transition to a new school year and a new church program year, the transition from summer to fall...there is actually quite a bit that occurs during this Ordinary Time. Just in July through GUMC Family Ministry, we had our 2nd Family Movie Night, volunteered at Youth Services and Feed My Starving Children, nurturing the GUMY garden beds, planted by GUMYouth this spring, patiently waiting for vegetable harvests to be donated to Northfield food pantry, painted rocks for the Youth Service's Kindness Garden, built ASP benches for the community garden, and stood up against gun violence at local rallies, one organized by one of our own GUMY alum. We want to thank all of you who have participated and supported Family Ministries at GUMC this summer. We can't thank you enough for your fellowship, energy and leadership. Now it is time for us to transition to "regular" ordinary time and get back in the habit of joining us at 727 Harlem Ave on Sundays.

- **GUMY gathering July 31st at 4:30**
- **Blessing of the Backpacks (and devices) August 21st at 10 am**
- **GUMY - August 21st time TBD**
- **Sunday School/Confirmation Orientation August 28th**, immediately following the 10 am worship service
- **Rally Day, Sunday September 11th, 10 am - 12 pm**

## IN SUPPORT OF CHURCH WIDE EFFORTS

- **Discussion on Gun Safety, August 8th at 7 pm**
- **School Supplies for k-12** (& new children's undies) for Olivet - at GUMC by August 14th - see the back page of the Visitor for details.
- **Ongoing collections for Northfield Food Pantry:** Cereal, juice boxes, pancake mix, canned chicken, canned beef stew and hearty soups, canned pasta with meat, peanut butter, jelly, brown and white rice, boxed potato sides, tuna, oil, sugar, flour and canned fruit.
- **Weekly Sunday School and Confirmation** and biweekly GUMY gatherings begin Sunday, September 18th. More information to follow. Be sure to check your mail and email! Hoping everyone has a smooth transition back to school and can't wait to see everyone together again at church!

Peace,  
Beth and Greg



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



8/2 Sue Ready  
8/7 Scott Furch  
8/8 Florence Labbe  
8/9 Linda Duback  
8/11 Amy Slobodecki  
8/13 Amy Doherty  
8/14 Peter Cummings  
8/15 Christopher Stoddard  
8/18 Sarah Russell Williams  
8/20 Ed Pyterek  
8/22 Jane Furch  
8/23 Kristin Phillips  
8/25 Janella Vasquez  
8/28 Chris Ernst  
8/29 Abigayle Phillips

8/3 Ayden Gwozdz  
8/7 Russell Lindley  
8/8 Bryan Phillips  
8/9 John Kwiatkowski  
8/12 Aidan Conlin  
8/13 Christine Miskovic  
8/14 Susan Duback  
8/16 Trevor Cummings  
8/20 Fiona Doherty  
8/20 Elaine Rechel  
8/22 Bob Rowlands  
8/24 Rob Frame  
8/26 Kelly Schroeder  
8/28 David Vassallo  
8/31 Vito Ferri

8/6 Sharon Gernady  
8/8 John Hillis  
8/9 Joanne Brand  
8/11 Skylar Read  
8/12 Wesley Villaflor  
8/13 Ellen Schaden  
8/14 David Rowlands  
8/18 Don Brackey  
8/20 Hugo Ortiz  
8/21 Eun-Hye Choi  
8/22 Sheri Staten  
8/24 Emily Phillips  
8/27 Dave Kleckner  
8/29 Karen Daniels

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

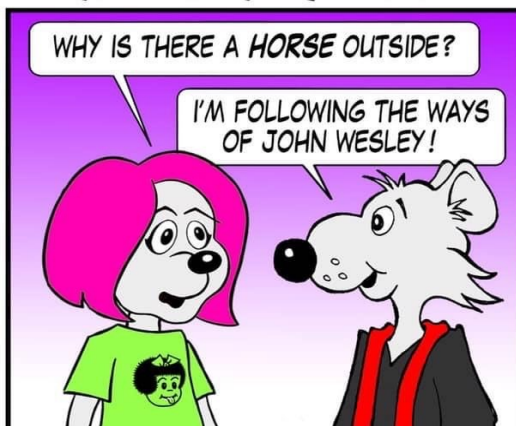
8/1 Dawn Bode and Tim Chorvat  
8/4 Anne and Leigh Dierbeck  
8/4 Sherry and Kent Smith  
8/6 Cindy and Chris Berg  
8/15 Kathy and David Heetland  
8/25 Renelle and Michel Agriopoulos



8/5 Marianne and Don Brackey  
8/13 Becky and Ken Houdek  
8/15 Betsy and Dick Schweers  
8/25 Amy and Kevin Slobodecki

## Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



IN THE EARLY YEARS OF THE  
METHODIST MOVEMENT,  
*CIRCUIT RIDERS* TRAVELED  
FROM CHURCH TO CHURCH  
ON HORSEBACK TO PREACH  
THE GOSPEL... THAT'S WHAT  
I'M GOING TO DO! IT'S QUITE  
WESLEYAN, YOU KNOW...





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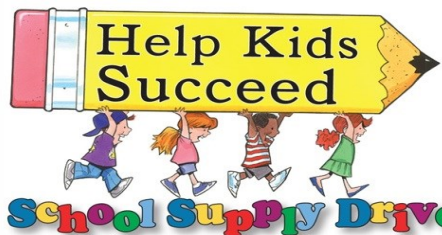
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**SCHOOL - AGAIN!! ALREADY!!!** We're again collecting school supplies for Olivet UMC's neighborhood children on Chicago's west side. While doing your normal shopping, pick up some of the following and put in the collection bins by the Social Hall or the Church Office until Aug. 14. Whatever you donate is most appreciated. Tip: Illinois has announced that from August 5th - 14th school supplies will be taxed only 1.25% (usual is 6.25%)

New this year! Donations of NEW under-wear—k-12, underpants, undershirts, bras and socks! MUST BE NEW!

- Pencils
- Black or blue pens
- Pocket folders—plastic and paper
- Spiral Notebook Wide Ruled
- Crayons
- Washable markers
- Dry erase markers
- Pencil-top erasers
- Supply pouch and/or box that stays shut
- Glue sticks and bottle of Elmer's
- Scissors
- Ruler and protractor
- Kleenex
- Colored pencils
- Highlighters
- Paper Towels
- Index Cards
- Notebooks
- Wide-ruled notebook paper
- Calculator
- Assignment notebook
- Composition notebooks
- Back packs - new or gently used & clean