



Overflowing with Gratitude

*Rejoice always, pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you.*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 (NIV®)

Dear friends,

In this grateful season between raking leaves and preparing food and trying to get that long autumnal to-do list done, I want to invite you to spend some time in prayerful reflection of all the things that we can be thankful for.

For myself, some of the things I am most grateful for include a roof overhead and food in the pantry, a walk in the colorful sunshine with family, a conversation with a friend full of laughter and sometimes tears; all for obvious reasons. Less obviously: I am thankful for the frustrations that offer me a chance to develop patience, for the challenges that encourage personal growth, and most of all, for the moments where my heart is open, and my mind is quiet enough that I can see the glimpses of grace that God is sending into our life. How about you?

It is in these moments that we are intentionally stopping to give thanks to God, to acknowledge that we have all that we need, most of what we want, and an abundant share in the promised peace of God – all of which exceeds well beyond anything we can ask or imagine. May your Thanksgiving be a time of giving thanks, of delighting in love, of walking in the light of God.

A Thanksgiving offering envelope is included in this Visitor for you. I believe you received your pledge card in the mail for the year 2023. The time is tough with rising expenses. The leadership and the staff of the GUMC do our best to cope with the rising expenses. We also need your help. I always appreciate your faithful gifts supporting all mission and ministries of the Glenview UMC.

With gratitude,
Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

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

Connie Wiggins
Barb Galarza
Susan Slaght
Dave Duback
Peggy Curkov

The Mylander and Potter families as they
grieve the loss of their loved ones.

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

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

Please call the church office by 11/2 if you'd like the
names of family members who have passed since
11/7/2021 included in the All Saints' Sunday Bulletin
insert for 11/6/22.

Upcoming Worship Experiences:

November 6, 10:00 a.m. All Saints' Sunday

The tradition of singing a Requiem, or Mass for the
Dead, on All Saints' Day reaches back hundreds of
years. Join us in worship on All Saints' Sunday when
the choir offers two movements from Mozart's great
unfinished "Requiem." The bells will also play an
arrangement of "Canticle of the Turning," an Irish
folk hymn arranged by Spencer Peterson.

December 4, 10:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols

Lessons and Carols will include the Sanctuary Choir
and instrumentalists in anthems, hymns and carols
of the holiday season.

It's a Glenview Tradition!

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday, November 22 at 7:30 pm
Glenview Community Church
All are invited.

We moved!

Judy and Damian Neuberger
810 Audubon Way, #320
Lincolnshire, IL 60069



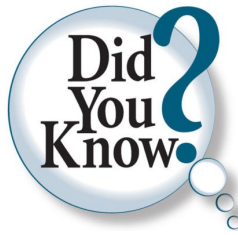
We appreciate the many
thoughtful cards and well-
wishes received for Bob's
90th birthday on September 25th. Our thanks and
gratitude to our church family.

~Bob and Wanda Frye

**The Memorials
Committee** would
like to acknowledge
memorial donations used this year.

*In
Loving
Memory*

This year the Memorial Garden, (on the east side
between the Social Hall and the church office), was
refreshed and restored with additions of plantings.
This garden provides a serene, peaceful place for
members and for the families of those resting there.
This year's significant updates were done with
memorial gift donations from Bob Harr, Lee Tantillo
and the Unnamed Faithful 'Memorial Gift Fund'.



Good stewardship requires us to think of the future. Have your estate plan prepared now and express your good stewardship in ways that will bless your family and Glenview United Methodist Church.

let our lives be full of both
Thanks & Giving

BECOME A SUSTAINING MEMBER TODAY!

Please return your pledge card to the financial secretary at GUMC • 727 Harlem Avenue.

Glenview, IL 60025

If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, contact the church office to request one.

thank-you

Migrant Assistance - Volunteers & Items Needed

Latest reports indicate that about 3,000 migrants have arrived so far on buses to the Chicago area from Texas and more continue to arrive almost daily. It's projected as many as 10,000 migrants could arrive in the Chicago area by the end of the calendar year. So, there continues to be a significant need to provide a welcome for those arriving.



"We primarily need volunteers right now to help with providing individuals and families transportation to various appointments (medical, legal, etc.)," said NIC Refugee Coordinator, Rev. Jonathan Crail. For anyone interested in volunteering, we encourage them to sign up as a volunteer as a first step, worldrelief.org/chicagoland and list "Bus Response" on their volunteer application in the Volunteer Interests field. Other volunteers are needed also.

World Relief needs hygiene kits while the agency has begun to provide direct services to some of the families and individuals arriving on the buses. Hygiene kits include a durable bag to hold items, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes & toothpaste, deodorant, disposable razors & shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, socks, basic first aid supplies and ibuprofen/acetomenaphin. For a complete list of most needs go to: www.Chicago.gov/support.

GUMC is collecting needed items and also serves as a Drop Off location for other churches and individuals. Please put your donated items in the collection bins by the social hall or the church office. For questions, contact Ethel Doyle, lareth@aol.com, 847-975-0361

Thank you for your care and concern.

Adventures with Beth and Greg

Family Ministries for November, as always, starts with Sunday School, Confirmation and GUMYouth. We will meet **every Sunday** this month including the Sunday following Thanksgiving. The only thing to note is that on Sunday, November 6th, Confirmation students will attend the worship service rather than having class that morning.

Save the date! We have a service opportunity. On Monday evening, November 21, from 6-7pm we will be helping Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook with **Christmas Gift Wrapping**. Please contact Beth or Greg for details. We'll be following up with emails as well.

All of our families under the Family Ministries umbrella will begin receiving daily **Advent devotionals** beginning the last week of November. They'll come to your email inbox so please make sure we have a current email address. If you are receiving the weekly Eblasts from church and our Weekend Updates, then you're good to go!

We have also started planning for our **Christmas Program** which will take place on Sunday December 11th during the worship service. More details to come but please be sure to save the date!

See you in Church!
Peace!
Greg and Beth

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ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

presents

Fall Concert Series

Beau Surratt

piano | organ

Saturday, November 12 at 7p.m.

An offering will be collected and a reception will follow.

St Mark's Episcopal Church
1509 Ridge Ave. Evanston

2023 Offering Envelope boxes will be given to those families who request them. Please notify the church office if you would like a box of 2023 Offering Envelopes. Thank you!

The Glenview Youth Services Holiday Gift Program will begin soon. GUMC members have supported this program for many years. Please consider coming to one of their wrapping parties to wrap gifts for the families they serve. Sign-ups are ongoing to participate in this fun community event. Use the sign-up genius link to sign-up to join the wrapping fun! Contact Holly Porrett at 847-729-8983 with questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084daca823a7fd0-20221>

CROP Walk – Thank you GUMC!!! Thanks to all of you who donated and walked for the Glenbrook Crop Hunger Walk, October 16 hosted by Northfield Community Church. Through your contributions and participation GUMC donated \$1085.00. To date, the Glenbrook Hunger Walk participating churches have earned over \$25,000 for Church World Service. All proceeds are used by CWS to provide food, medical care, disaster relief, and self- help development for people in need, locally and around the world. 25% of the money raised by the Glenbrook Hunger Crop Walk will be distributed to the Northfield and West Deerfield Township Food Pantries.

Missions & Service Ministries, Thanks to Sheri Staten, GUMC CROP Walk Coordinator

LOOSE COINS AND SINGLES...

in the offering plates during November and December will go to Curt's Café, located in Evanston and Highland Park. Curt's Café provides a much needed program for at risk and formerly incarcerated youth. They are taught marketable skills and are assisted in finding employment. They support the students by introducing them to four disciplines: life skills, intellectual skills, food service skills, and experiential skills. They direct the youth on a secure and productive future. It costs more to send a teenager to a correctional institution than it does to put them through Northwestern! Curt's Café would like you to dine with them for a delicious breakfast or lunch. You can visit them at 2922 Central, Evanston or 1766 Second, Highland Park.

Donations can also be made though the GUMC website. Go to www.glenviewumc.org and click on "Donate Online" and use a checking, savings or credit card.



Loose Coins and Singles

Contribute



Join the discussion

January 3 at 7:00 in the parlor

This beautiful, thoughtful novel illuminates a world turned upside down, one where the women are in charge, engaging in dangerous physical work, and the men take care of the children. A classic Lisa See story—one of women's friendships and the larger forces that shape them—*The Island of Sea Women* introduces readers to the fierce and unforgettable female divers of Jeju Island and the dramatic history that shaped their lives.

ANNOUNCING THE MITTEN & MORE TREE COUNT DOWN— Preparations for the raising of the new Mitten & More Tree on Sunday November 20th have been keeping the Director of Tree Recruitment and his Tree Elves scurrying around the fields and forests of the GUMC campus. Readyng the novice M&MT for their 7-week marathon of loyal service is a point of pride for all involved in this annual event of churchwide magnanimity. A lucky few will catch a glimpse of M&M Tree entering the sanctuary and stepping into position a day or two before, but all of us will be able to view the Tree in all their expectant glory beginning on the 20th. Be sure to worship in person on that Sunday so you can be one of the first to choose a favorite bough and dream of decking it with your warming gifts (mittens, scarves, hats, gloves, coats, sweaters, blankets, socks, ...). Periodically during the Christmas season, your gifts will be delivered to our sister church for Olivet's Warming Ministry for all ages and their "Serving our Seniors (SOS)" program for community elders. Donations may also be placed in the collection bins near the Social Hall and the church office.

Deck the Halls

With boughs of holly. Fa la la la la, la la la la!

what: **Hanging of the Greens**

when: **Sunday, November 20, 11:00**

details: Please join in fun fellowship as we decorate our church for the Advent Season. Trees will be decorated in the sanctuary and parlor. *All aged hands are encouraged to help.*

Ad•vent

Noun

From the Latin meaning “come into,” as Jesus came into the world for us.

Advent is coming and we prepare our hearts!

Advent starts on November 27 (Sunday). Advent is a season for us to prepare our hearts and houses for the coming of Christ Jesus. We will have Advent Devotion gatherings on December 1, 7, 14, and 21 (four Thursdays of December) at 7pm on zoom with Advent candle lighting, prayer, scripture reading, and reflections. We will use the Upper Room Devotions for the daily readings and Thursday gatherings. Please contact pastor Eun-Hye to get an Upper Room devotion and zoom link at echoi@glenviewumc.org.



Click your heels together as we take you and your family “Over the Rainbow” to the Merry Old Land of Oz! Along the way, you’ll meet your favorite

characters- Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow, Tin Man, and Lion- and join them on their adventure to see the great and powerful Wizard. On the “Yellow Brick Road,” we’ll meet the munchkins, Glinda, the Wicked Witch of the West and her jitterbugs and winged monkeys.

Friday, November 18th at 7pm

Saturday, November 19th at 2pm & 7pm

Sunday, November 20th at 2pm

All shows held in the social hall of GUMC

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

11/2 Isabelle Marth
11/5 Heidi Ortiz
11/11 Michel Agriopoulos
11/11 Parleen Macwan
11/13 Vicky Ready
11/14 Robin Woitesek
11/15 Calvin Sailer
11/17 Veronica Gurjar
11/21 Elyse Martinsen
11/23 Tyson Espino
11/25 Doris Stengl
11/27 Kathy Hurley-Chatfield
11/30 Kristin Davis

11/5 Derek Johnson
11/6 Steve Dahnert
11/11 Mikko Espino
11/11 Jeremiah Rejuso
11/14 Damian Neuberger
11/15 Anne Dierbeck
11/17 Cindy Berg
11/20 Taylor Woitesek
11/22 Tim Chorvat
11/25 Della Deme
11/27 William Doherty
11/28 Caroline Berg



11/15 Ryan Granzow
11/17 Judy Keenan
11/21 Charlotte Cordell
11/22 Seth Mohr
11/25 Beckham Kowski
11/27 Haley Ferrone
11/30 Sally Lankford

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

11/7 Mariann and Burton Randle
11/17 Cindy and Dean Carlson
11/20 Becky and Mark Netherland
11/29 Peggy and John Curkov

11/12 Sharon and Jim Gernady
11/18 Christine and Steve Miskovic
11/25 Janet and Brian Conlin
11/30 Julie and Bill Murphy



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.

Pastoral CARE

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

Summary of the 2nd Church Discussion on Firearms Proliferation Sunday, October 23, 2022

On Sunday, October 23, 2022, 20 members of the Congregation gathered after Church to hold the 2nd meeting on reduction of firearms proliferation. The discussion reviewed “Our Call to Reduce Gun Violence”, an “Official Church Statement” of the 2016 General Conference and additional items requested were added or clarified. To recap, the “Statement” calls for:

- Universal background checks on all gun purchases
 - Ratification of the Arms Trade Treaty *
 - Ensuring all guns are sold through licensed gun retailers
 - Prohibiting all individuals convicted of violent crimes from purchasing a gun for a fixed time-period
 - Prohibiting all individuals under restraining order due to threat of violence from purchasing a gun
 - Prohibiting persons with serious mental illness, who pose a danger to themselves and their communities, from purchasing a gun
 - Ensuring greater access to services for those suffering from mental illness
 - Establishing a minimum age of 21 years for a gun purchase or possession
 - Banning large-capacity ammunition magazines and weapons designed to fire multiple rounds each time the trigger is pulled
 - Promoting new technologies to aid law-enforcement agencies to trace crime guns and promote public safety.
- * Need additional information on what the “Arms Trade Treaty” is.

In the last meeting it was agreed the following should be added to the above or clarified:

- Addressing the issues of peer pressure and organized violence, and
- Providing more education and intervention in support of violence prevention.

In this meeting there were three additional items of discussion:

- A summary of the status of the “Arms Trade Treaty” was provided and discussed. It was felt additional time was needed to review the provisions of the treaty in more detail. The goal of doing this was to better understand the ramifications of portions of the treaty on less powerful nations that possess fewer resources.
- It was agreed the following should be added to the “Statement”, in addition to those above:

Providing more education and support towards the safe operation of and responsibility for firearms operation, and Embodying love, caring, and respect for people in need by working with them to help bridge gaps in opportunities and resources that are the result of historical and ongoing inequities and oppression.

There will be another discussion immediately after the service of Sunday, November 20, 2022. Please join us!
We look forward to your thoughts and participation in the discussion of this issue that is of concern to many of our members!



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Whose Birthday is it, Anyway?

The holiday season will be upon us shortly, and we are happy to usher in the thirty-seventh year of our participation in the "Whose Birthday is it, Anyway?" program. As an important mission of our church, to share our blessings with those in need, this program reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas and the

reason we celebrate the season.

This program offers us the opportunity to purchase gifts for those less fortunate than us. Our gifts will be the only ones received by many of the recipients this season. The agencies we will support this year are:

Inspired Youth Tutoring Program – grade school and middle school aged children

Methodist Youth Services – high school students

Glenview Terrace - seniors

Olivet United Methodist Church – preschool and grade school aged children

Please note our schedule:

- * Sunday, November 6, sign-up in person, after church
- * Tuesday, November 8, sign-up on-line, using Sign-Up Genius. The link will be provided through the church website and e-newsletter and will be available continuously until all names have been taken.
- * Sunday, November 13, sign-up in person, after church
- * Sunday, December 4, all wrapped gifts are due in the Parlor between 9:00 - 10:00.
- * Gifts may be dropped off in the church office during the week prior to December 4.

The coordinators of these agencies are all extremely delighted and grateful for our continued support.

Holly Porrett (847.729.8983)

