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Dear friends,

Wow... Advent is already around the corner. Many churches follow the common lectionary of the liturgical calendar which cycles every three years (year A, B, and C). If we follow the common lectionary which consists of four readings from both the Old and New Testaments each week, we finish reading or hearing seventy percent of the Bible in three years.

This year is common lectionary year A starting on the first Sunday of Advent, and we will follow it for three years in our worship, hymns, prayers, sermons, and the Bible study. During Advent, we will have a **devotion group** that meets on Thursdays starting on **December 1 at 7pm on zoom**. We will read *Upper Room* devotions at home every day and meet on Thursdays for communal candle lighting, prayer, and reflections. *Upper Room* copies are in the church office. Please contact me at echoi@glenviewumc.org to get a zoom link for the Thursday gatherings.

Consider preparing an Advent wreath at home. Use four blue or purple candles and one white candle for your personal/family Advent devotions. The families of children and youth will receive a daily devotion in your email from the directors of youth ministry, Beth and Greg Peterson. If you are not on their email list but want to receive family-oriented Advent devotions, please contact them at Petersons@glenviewumc.org.

In this *Visitor*, the Advent/Christmas activities of the Glenview UMC are listed in date order, including all activities and events of circles and small groups, and ministry opportunities. We prepare our hearts, homes, and church for the Christ child! I pray the hope, peace, joy, and love of Advent be with you!

With gratitude
Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The relation between Christmas and New Year's is one that is often missed. Sure they are only a week apart, but it is the birth, the new life of God's child in us that makes new beginnings and a new year possible. The staff at Glenview United Methodist Church wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We find so many ways to say it. But the old familiar words are best: so from every member of the staff we pray that you will have a blessed and Christ-centered Christmas season and for God's richest and choicest blessings for you and yours both now, as we pause with the world to remember the birth of our Lord, and throughout every day in 2023.

Christmas Greetings to our Members and Friends!

From the staff of GUMC



Tis the Season



The Mitten and More Tree!

Share the Gift of Warmth!

Translate the warmth in your heart to physical comfort for another. M&M Tree is thrilled to be standing at the entry to the sanctuary, greeting each person as they come in and offering boughs for gifts of mittens, mittens, and more than mittens. Go say hello to M&M today! Choose a favorite bough or two and deck them with glorious and colorful mittens, scarves, hats, gloves, woolly socks, slippers, earmuffs, sweaters, blankies, etc. Periodically during the Advent and 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. The Tree will be up through January 8th. Your donations may also be placed in the collection bins near the Social Hall and the church office.

Food Collection

For Northfield and Maine Township Food Pantries - Please bring food, paper goods and toiletry items anytime and put in the bins outside the social hall, or rotunda.. Please keep in mind that individual sizes that can easily be sent to several different families are better for pantry use than restaurant bulk sizes.

Whose Birthday Is It Anyway?

We had a wonderful response and all names for all three programs have been taken. The opportunity to bring a wrapped, new toy for our sister church, Olivet UMC will remain open until our collection of all gifts on December 4th, even if the Sign Up Genius indicates all sign ups have been taken. The deadline for dropping off your gifts is 9:00 AM on Sunday, December 4th. They will be accepted prior to that date in the church office, during regular office hours, M-Th 10-2. Please contact Holly Porrett if you have questions. ed.porrett@sbcglobal.net



News from the Parlor Library

With the Christmas season upon us, perhaps you would be interested in one of the following books:

- ♦ *Advent Meditations: Advent Devotional by Asheritah Ciuciu, 242.3 C*
- ♦ *The Christ of Christmas: Readings for Advent, 242.3 M*
- ♦ *Christ: Because of Bethlehem: Rekindle your connection to the Christ of Christmas by Max Lucado, 394 L*
- ♦ *Classics: The Story of the Other Wise Man by Henry Van Dyke, 244*
- ♦ *Music: Songs of Christmas by Ace Collins, 264.2 C*
- ♦ *Traditions: Traditions of Christmas by Ace Collins, 394.2 C*

If you select a book, please fill out the sign-out sheet, which is in the library. Thank you!

Sunday, November 27: First Sunday of Advent

Worship Celebration: 10:00 a.m., Getting Ready To See

Matthew 24: 36-44 and Isaiah 2:1-5

We will light the first candle of the Advent Wreath.

Sunday School and Confirmation 10 am - 11 am

Bell Choir Rehearsal 11 am - 12 pm

GUMY 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Thursday, December 1: Advent Devotion

ZOOM: 7:00 p.m. Reflection: Encounter Hope

Psalm 122

Lighting Advent candles, sharing sacred images, reading the scripture, and prayer

Sunday, December 4: Second Sunday of Advent

Worship with Communion at 10:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols

We will light the second candle of the Advent Wreath.

Join us in worship for our annual service of Lessons and Carols celebrating the Christmas season. Carols, choral music and readings all joined with strings. Come lift your voices in anticipation of the birth of our Lord!

Sunday School and Confirmation 10-11 Program.

No GUMY

"Whose Birthday" Gift Collection and Toys For Olivet UMC - Collection TODAY before worship.

Thursday, December 8: Advent Devotion

ZOOM: 7:00 p.m. Reflection: Encounter Peace

Isiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12

Lighting Advent candles, sharing sacred images, reading the scripture, and prayer

Saturday, December 10th: Rehearsal for

Advent/Christmas Program

9-10:30 am - all participating k-12th graders

Sunday December 11: Third Sunday of Advent

Worship Celebration: 10:00 a.m.,

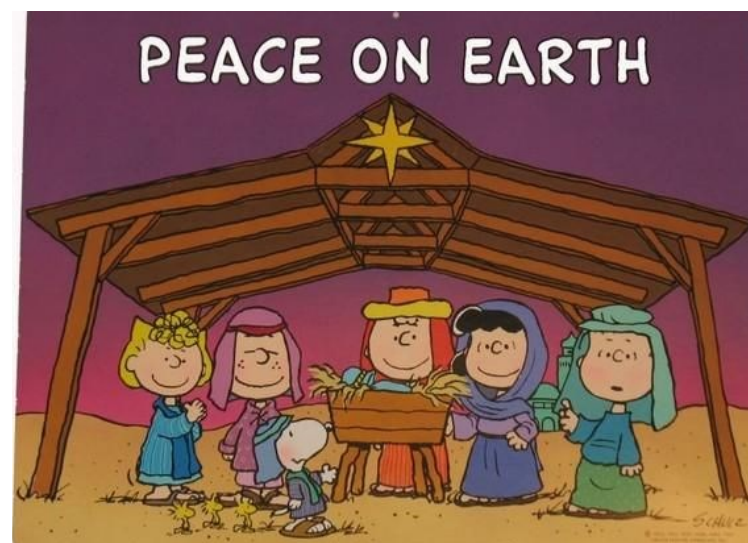
We will light the third candle of the Advent Wreath.

The Christmas Story GUMC children and youth present their adaptation of A Charlie Brown Christmas. All the music and fun of the Christmas season with a wonderful message.

Bell Choir Rehearsal: 11:30-12:30

Special Note to Parents:

This morning we will run thru the Advent/Christmas Program 8:45-9:30



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CHRISTMAS COOKIES



Buy a Box for \$10

**DECEMBER 11 AFTER WORSHIP
CONTACT THE CHURCH
OFFICE TO RESERVE A
"NUT-FREE" BOX**

*Cookie Sale at 11:15 a.m., Kitchen Window by Social Hall
Need some treats for the holiday season? Stop by the kitchen window across from the social hall to after worship and visit the United Women in Faith's Cookie Sale. Purchase a variety of pre-packaged holiday cookies for your family and friends. Proceeds benefit Missions. \$10 per box. Reserve your box with any dietary restrictions by contacting the church office.*



A Christmas Tradition in Glenview!

December 14 • 7:00 p.m.

1799 Patriot Boulevard * Glenview

Parking available on Patriot Blvd., Chestnut Ave. and Attea Middle School

In the midst of this busy season, this service will offer an opportunity to get together with the community just to celebrate. You won't forget singing "Silent Night, Holy Night" with candlelight in this beautiful chapel! Everyone is welcome to this event regardless of religious affiliation. An offering will be collected for the Debra Gelfand Children's Foundation.

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Christmas Eve Worship 4:00 p.m.
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THE GLEN**

Thursday, December 15: Advent Devotion

ZOOM: 7:00 p.m. Reflection: Encounter Joy

Isaiah 35: 1-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Lighting Advent candles, sharing sacred images, reading the scripture, and prayer.

Sunday, December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Worship Celebration: 10:00 a.m., Get Ready to Celebrate

Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1: 18-25

We will light the fourth candle of the Advent Wreath.

Sunday School/Confirmation Christmas Gathering 10am,

Bell Choir Rehearsal 11-12

GUMY Christmas Party 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Thursday, December 22: Advent Devotion

ZOOM: 7:00 p.m.

Reflection: Encounter Love

Psalm 80

Lighting Advent candles, sharing sacred images, reading the scripture, and prayer



A SAVIOR IS BORN

Christ the Lord



Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve

Worship with Carols & Candlelight - 4:00 p.m.

He is Here!

Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20

All are invited to worship together with candlelight and to enter into the holiness of the birth of Jesus Christ in a style that is fun for all ages. Join in this most joyous celebration in our Christian life. Christ is born!



Sunday, December 25:

Worship Celebration: 10:00 a.m., Stories of Christmas Carols

Isaiah 52:7-10; John 1:1-14

*No Sunday School / No Confirmation
No GUMY*

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

Connie Wiggins

Susan Slaght

Barb Galarza

Judy Knoblock



Please let us know if there is a
concern in your family.
Pastor Eun-Hye: Echoi@glenviewumc.org or
Office@glenviewumc.org

I am deeply appreciative for all the cards and calls during Ed's two year illness and now after his passing. Your attendance at his visitations/ memorial service has meant a great deal to me. Thank you.

~ Meg Pyterek

If it crosses your mind to send someone a card...DO IT! It's amazing what that card is filled with if even only one word. They have given me such strength & hope these past months! THANK YOU. (Giving phone calls & texts & prayers are just as precious!) Hugs!

~ Barb Galarza

Bakers Needed For the UMW Cookie Sale

Please consider baking a few extra dozen of your favorite cookie. Cookies are due in the kitchen by Saturday, December 10 at 10 a.m. Any questions, please call the church office. (Nuts are acceptable at this event. Please label your donations if they contain nuts.)



The GUMC Rummage Sale will
be back this Spring!

Start collecting, box it up, and
donate in March!



Firearms Proliferation

The topic of Firearms Proliferation is of significant interest to many of our members. However, the Church calendar is full of activities and events through the Holidays. As a result, the meeting previously scheduled for this Sunday is postponed until January 23 at 11:00 after worship.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!: Here are our December birthdays and anniversaries. If you have a December birthday or anniversary and your name is not listed, please call the church office so we can update our records.

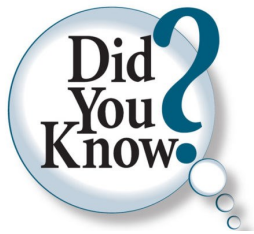
12/2 Samuel Phillips	12/3 Ellie Ventura	12/4 Emily Ortiz
12/6 Trent Houdek	12/6 John Losquadro	12/6 Ismael Rejuso
12/7 Katie Jones	12/8 Lynn Heniken	12/9 Greg Peterson
12/9 Don Putman	12/10 David Duback	12/11 Merrick Kehoe
12/14 Maeve Doherty	12/14 Rebecca Gedmin	12/14 Lauren Ellis
12/16 Richard Espino	12/16 Savannah Jones	12/16 Wanda Frye
12/17 Jessica Vassallo	12/18 Brielle Doherty	12/18 Gregory Furch
12/22 Holly Field	12/23 Marianne Brackey	
12/24 JoAnn Minear	12/26 Holly Porrett	12/26 Maricar Ramos
12/30 Diana Berger	12/30 Drew Stryker	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

12/7 Linda and David Vassallo	12/23 Sarane and Bruce Siewerth
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This is the season to reach out by mail by sending a holiday/thinking of you card to some of our members whom we don't see very often. If you need their address to mail a card, call the church office.

J Anderson	Joyce Hosler
Dawn Bode	Judy Knoblock
Don and Marianne Brackey	LaVerne Lundquist
Jean Deal	Isabelle Marth
Gerry Gans	Mary Lou Neiningner
Gimeno Family	Burton and Mariann randle
Alice Goodspeed	Viola and John Scannell
Ralph Hansen	Ellen and Chuck Schaden
Lynn Heniken	Maggie Schnackenberg
Barb and John Hillis	Leslie Schroeder
Randy Johnson	Sarah Stasen
Flo Labbe	Marilyn Stowell
Joan Loyd	John Whitfield
Cori Mohr	Connie Wiggins
Deloris Volkman	



Preparing an estate plan is good Christian stewardship

- saying thanks to God, expressing your love and concern for family, and showing charity toward others.



January Book Club: *The Island of Sea Women*

by, Lisa See

Join the discussion January 3 at 7:00 p.m.

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.