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MARK 1:15 (NIV)



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Friends,

We are in the season of Lent. Our hearts are filled with hope for spring, renewal of life, and the new beginning of another chapter of our faith journey. We began this journey on Ash Wednesday with ashes on our foreheads, beautiful music, and silent prayers. We marked ourselves as sojourners. Now we need to keep moving on this journey. The sign on our foreheads separates us from the dramas of worldly power, success, and competitions. It reminds us that God is our Protector, Guide, and Savior. So, I hope we experience the peace that only God can give to us in this Lenten season. I invite you to this journey of peace. The first thing in the morning you may put a cross on your forehead with ash, oil, or water and say a prayer, "Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." If you want some ashes for this practice, please stop by my office. I will share some ashes with you.

During Lent rather than giving up something, I wrote something every morning with a cross on my forehead last year. Somedays I failed to write anything though I tried hard. But I will do it again this Lent: putting an ash cross on myself, saying a prayer, and writing a meditation, devotion, or poem. This year, I am willing to share it with you. Please let me know at echoi@glenviewumc.org if you want to receive a daily Lenten essay in your email box.

Our faith journey is different from anything we pursue or achieve in the world. We are in the world but not of the world. We belong to God who renews the world continually. I hope and pray that we all experience God's renewal power and Spirit in this Lent. Thanks be to God!

With gratitude
Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

Welcome the Stranger – Your New Neighbor

(A modified message from Keith Draper, Regional Dir. Of Church Relations, World Relief Chicagoland)

As we approach Easter, let's reflect on the life of Jesus. His time of ministry has had the greatest resounding impact ever known, changing this world over the past 2000 years.

During the ministry of Jesus, we read that he and his disciples had no place to call home. As they went throughout the region, they would search for a "person of peace" to welcome them and create a space they could feel at home. Who are the "people of peace" in our day? What does it look like to embody this in the world around us?

It doesn't take long for us to think about God's call to welcome the stranger. The person who welcomes the stranger is a person of peace. Today, there are over 100 million people who are displaced from their homes, some of whom have found themselves arriving here in Chicagoland as a stranger in need of welcome.

GUMC are persons of peace and has committed to helping a refugee family. Volunteers have been trained and are ready to help as needed. Financial help and prayers for all are always welcome. Coins and singles in March, and designated check donations are appreciated. Please read the announcement in this *Visitor* "GUMC Welcome New Neighbors" to find out more about our designated family.

Thank you to all that participated in the Firearms Proliferation Meetings!

The church now has an initial supply of gun locks provided by the Glenview Police Department. In the last meeting it was decided gun locks will be made available to GUMC members free of charge. Please make sure your guns are secured! If you need a gun lock, please contact the church office. 847-729-1015 or office@glenviewumc.org

Chili Cook-Off Results!

Thank you to everyone who cooked, tasted, donated and helped in any way for the GUMY/ASP Chili CookOff yesterday. There were 16 chilis to taste by our local chefs: Eun-Hye Choi and Tim Walters, Curt Corbidge, the Debakers, the Dohertys, Chris Ernst, the Espinos, Barb Galarza, the Gernadys, the Granzow/Field family, the Hutchins, Brittany Isaac, Dave Kleckner, Lindsay Kleckner, the Reads, Eileen Ribordy, and Susanne Rudolph. Though all the chilis warmed our hearts and stomachs and made our taste buds sing, on a cold Sunday afternoon, there were some that emerged as our award winners.

Congratulations to Curt Corbidge - Best Overall, Doherty Family - Most Original, Espino Family - Best Presentation and the Fields for the Hottest!

Over \$700 was raised for the ASP trip this summer.

~Thank you all from the ASP Team!

Local Volunteer Opportunity

Helping Hands of Glenview is seeking driver volunteers. The major volunteer activity with *Helping Hands* is driving senior residents to medical appointments, necessary shopping trips or personal care visits. This assistance is greatly appreciated and is a key ingredient in enabling seniors to remain in their own homes. Trips provided by the volunteers take no more than two hours and are usually within five miles one-way and never more than ten. A volunteer can drive as often or as seldom as desired. *Helping Hands* needs your help for as little as an hour a month to several hours a week. Add your name to the list of volunteers by calling *Helping Hands* at (847) 729-8181.

TOP OF THE HEAP

TREASURES AND RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, MARCH 31 1:00-7:00

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 8:00-12:00

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- KITCHENWARE
- SO MUCH MORE

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Drop your rummage off between March 26 - March 30. All of your donations are needed, and ask your friends and family start saving too. Please sign up to help before, during and/or after. Sign-ups can be easily made through the church office or there will be a poster in the hallway beginning 2/27 or email Janet Conlin at: janetplnit1@comcast.net. Thank you for donating both your rummage and your time!

Bible study based on the Sunday scriptures listed, is held Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM. Contact the church office or Pastor Eun-Hye to receive the ZOOM link.

Sunday, February 26

Worship: 10:00 a.m.,

Special Preacher: Rev. Brad Underwood

The Temptations of Jesus

Matthew 4:1-11 & Psalm 32

Wednesday, March 1 Soup and Substance

6:00 p.m. Jesus at the Door: "Look! I am standing at the door and knocking. If any hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and be with them, and will have dinner with them, and they will have dinner with me" (Revelations 3:20)

A light supper of soup and bread will be served in the hallway outside the sanctuary (narthex).

Sunday, March 5

Worship with Communion: 10:00 a.m.,

Special Preacher: Beau Surratt

The Love for the World

John 3:1-17 & Psalm 121

Wednesday, March 8 Soup and Substance

6:00 p.m. Jesus and Breadcrumbs: "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." (Mark 7:28)

A light supper of soup and bread will be served in the hallway outside the sanctuary (narthex).

This year's daylight saving time change will take place on March 12 at 2 a.m. At that time, clocks will turn ahead one hour to 3 a.m.

Sunday, March 12

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Woman at the Well

John 4:5-42 & Psalm 95

Wednesday, March 15: Soup and Substance

6:00 p.m. Jesus and Zacchaeus: "Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay in your home today." (Luke 19:5)

A light supper of soup and bread will be served in the hallway outside the sanctuary (narthex).

Sunday March 19

Worship: 10:00 a.m.,

Jesus' Healing Ministry

John 9:1-41 & Psalm 23

Wednesday, March 22 Soup and Substance

6:00 p.m. Jesus and Barley Loaves: "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" (John 6:9)

A light supper of soup and bread will be served in the hallway outside the sanctuary (narthex).

Sunday March 26:

Worship: 10:00 a.m.,

Lazarus coming back to life

John 11:1-45 & Psalm 130

Easter Flower Orders due by 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 29 Soup and Substance

6:00 p.m. Last in the series led by Pastor Laura Wilson Underwood

A light supper of soup and bread will be served in the hallway outside the sanctuary (narthex).



Sunday April 2: Palm Sunday

Worship with Communion: 10:00 a.m.

Matthew 21:1-11 & Psalm 31

April 6: Holy Thursday

Special Event with Communion: 7:00 p.m.

Jesus' New Commandment

John 13: 1-17

Meet In the Parlor

April 7: Good Friday

Worship: 7:00 p.m.

Jesus' Seven Last Words

John 18:1-19:42 & Psalm 22

Sunday April 9: Easter Celebration

Worship: 10:00 a.m.,

John 20:1-18 & Psalm 118

Family Easter Egg Hunt after worship.

GUMC Welcomes New Neighbors.

World Relief Chicagoland, (WR), the agency GUMC is working with to help refugees find a home and hope, arranged for some of the trained volunteers to meet our new family Sat. Feb. 18. We met and visited, with the aid of WR workers and translator, a delightful family of 4: Isaac, his wife, Mangala; son Sergio 11; and daughter Amelia, 9. They are from Angola and speak Portuguese. World Relief found them and were able to sparsely furnish a 2-bedroom apt. in Chicago's West Rogers Park neighborhood. The children are enrolled in school and are learning English fairly quickly. Isaac and Mangala are in ESL classes. They cannot work for income until their asylee papers clear which can take up to 6 months. They receive a small daily living stipend. through WR and WR has secured them a lawyer to help them with their immigration process. Going forward, GUMC's volunteers will meet with the family at least weekly to help them acclimate to Chicago and the U.S., exercise their English, take them shopping and to doctor appointments, take them on outings, help them learn the CTA system, etc. They have a church home whose pastor is also from Angola so that is of some comfort for them. They are very, very grateful for the support and friendship of the GUMC members. At this point we know they need some more household items, so we'll bring them to the Rummage Sale!! That in itself will be a unique experience for them and we are sure it will be a fun one. Thank you for the donations you have already given to WR, they have been very helpful for many, many refugee families that have come to the Chicagoland area including Isaac's family. Please keep them and the visiting volunteers in your prayers. Thank you for all you do for others.

~Missions & Service Ministry Team

Adventures with Beth and Greg

We are so grateful to be part of such a generous church community. GUMYouth sponsored two back to back events at the end of January and beginning of February: The Annual Chili Cook-Off and the Super Bowl of Caring. The **Chili Cook-Off** raised over \$700 for the Appalachian Service Project trip this summer. We had 16 wonderful chilis to taste. Thank you to all who made or who came to taste chili. Congratulations to Curt Corbidge - Best Overall, Doherty Family - Most Original, Espino Family - Best Presentation and the Fields for the Hottest! The **Super Bowl of Caring** raised over \$500 as well as many grocery bags full of food for the Northfield Food Pantry. With rising food prices, more and more families in our community are utilizing the food pantry and this will surely go a long way to help make sure no child in our community goes hungry.



A special thank you to Brielle Doherty, Keira Read, Owen Cummings, Claire Cummings and Tim Walters who shared the Transfiguration story during the worship service on Mardi Gras Sunday. After their reading, Robin Woitesek, Briell Doherty and Keira Read did a beautiful job singing Shine, Jesus, Shine as our Sunday School children learned some American Sign Language to join in on the chorus. Our signers were Maggie McCaron, Emma Granzow, Trevor Cummings, Maeve Doherty, Eddie Cummings and Ryan Granzow. It is so wonderful when our children and youth share their talents and energy in our worship services.

March brings Lent - a more solemn time of prayer and reflection as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. Our Sunday

Continued...

Adventures with Beth and Greg continued...

School lessons will continue to follow the liturgical calendar so the children will be learning about the same scriptures and bible stories that their parents are in worship. Our confirmation students will be learning about Salvation, Holy Communion and Worship. Our GUMYouth will be focused on service, starting their plants for the community garden, helping with the GUMC rummage sale and starting preparations for ASP.

And just a head's up - our **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on Easter **Sunday**, immediately following the worship service. This is a change from what GUMC has historically done, so we wanted to make sure you got it on your calendar.



Finally - you should have already received these in your email inbox, but just in case - be on the lookout for daily Lenten activities to do as a family.

Peace,
Beth and Greg

Quick and Easy Donations : Use your smartphone camera or QR reader app to quickly and safely make your donation to GUMC. With one quick scan, you can send in a one-time donation or schedule recurring donations. Thank you for your generosity!



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

Connie Wiggins

Burton and Mariann Randle

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

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



Coins and singles in the offering plate for March:

World Relief is a global Christian humanitarian organization that brings sustainable solutions to the world's greatest problems—disasters, extreme poverty, violence, oppression, and mass displacement. They partner with over 6,000 local churches and community leaders in the United States and abroad to bring hope healing and transformation to the most vulnerable. They are bringing help and comfort to asylum seekers throughout the world. For more information go to worldrelief.org.

Please donate on line at www.glenviewumc.org/donate-online and click on "Loose Coins", or you can mail a check to the church with "Loose Coins" in the memo area.

IN MEMORIAM

With profound regrets, we announce the passing of our beloved member and friend:

Isabelle Marth who passed away on Monday, Feb. 13 in Arlington Heights.

Please hold her family in your thoughts and prayers. May God's love and grace comfort them.



Wednesday Evening Lenten Series March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
6:00—7:00 p.m.

THEME: JESUS AND LESSONS FROM THE TABLE

Please see the *Lent by the Day* section of this *Visitor* to
read the weekly focus.

A light supper of soup and bread will be served in the hallway outside
of the sanctuary (narthex).

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.

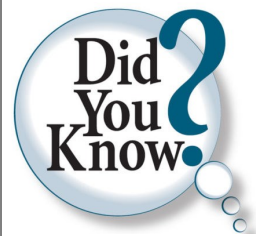
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!: Here are our March birthdays and anniversaries. If you have a March birthday or anniversary and your name is not listed, please call the church office so we can update our records.

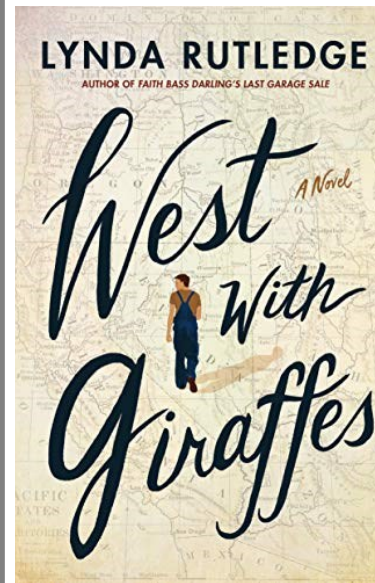
3/1 Keira Read	3/1 Elyce Ventura	3/2 John Whitfield
3/3 Mabel Janke	3/5 Samantha Derrington	3/5 Joy Forman
3/5 Jessica Gimeno	3/6 Lindsay Kleckner	3/7 Christopher Berg
3/7 Jennifer Sawicz	3/8 Greg Gwozdz	3/8 Burton Randle
3/8 Howard Tweddle, Jr.	3/9 Kevin Denzel	3/10 Jean Deal
3/10 Dick Schweers	3/11 Steve Ellis	3/11 Zachary Urban
3/13 David Slaght	3/14 Mark Netherland	3/16 Richard Krcik
3/16 Jack Murphy	3/17 Orpha Laurie	3/18 Bob Deme
3/18 Pat Fawcett	3/20 Janet Conlin	3/20 Jeff Ludwig
3/20 Jonathan Urban	3/22 Chris Walters	3/22 Mason Tagtmeier
3/25 Casey Berg	3/25 Dan Stryker	3/26 Jonathan Hutchins
3/27 Nicholas Ferri	3/30 Sharon Dahnert	3/30 Carlos Velez

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

3/14 Valerie and Barry Putman	3/20 Delia and Mark Rowlands
3/21 Marie and Dick Hoffman	3/31 Susan and Richard Krcik



Did you know that you can name the church a beneficiary of your estate in several ways? Consider gifting the church a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, the remainder of the estate after other gifts are made, or portions of your estate whose beneficiaries predecease you.



West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

It's 1938. The Great Depression lingers. Hitler is threatening Europe, and world-weary Americans long for wonder. They find it in two giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. What follows is a twelve-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Behind

the wheel is the young Dust Bowl rowdy Woodrow. Inspired by true events, the tale weaves real-life figures with fictional ones, including the world's first female zoo director, a crusty old man with a past, a young female photographer with a secret, and assorted reprobates as spotty as the giraffes.

Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late.

May Book Club Selection

No April book club meeting.

Discussion: May 2 @ 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun, whether you have participated in the past or not. Grab a copy and dig in!

It's sure to be a lively discussion!

March book club meeting is March 7 at 7:00 p.m. Discussion of "Just One Damned Thing After Another: The Chronicles of St. Mary's" by Jodi Taylor