



The Visitor

April, 2023

Friends,

When I was young, I often wondered that if Jesus was born last year on Christmas day, why on the earth are we having Christmas again this year. In my young mind, life was supposed to move upwardly from the point of birth to the point of death. I thought, we are born once and die once, Jesus should not be born, die, and resurrect once a year on every Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter. So, Christmas and Easter were losing the power of majesty slowly in my mind, and all commercial practices of them were taking more and more power in me, even after I became a pastor.

Lent is a very difficult season. Lent doesn't have any commercial practice except Friday fish fries. But we are not Catholic, and it is not exciting. Lent has forty-six blah days of early spring which are neither too cold nor too warm, just windy and blah. There are no colorful lights like Christmas or sweet bunny shaped chocolate candies like Easter. The whole season of

Lent is just blah. But our ancestors of faith designated these blah days of the early spring for the rest and renewal of our faith and life and called it Lent. So, Lent is for a rest, a rest from our imperfect, vulnerable, and tired self without false and glittering distractions; a rest from the race of running from the birth to death. Also, Lent is for a renewal, a renewal that we find hope in repeated seasons. The daylilies coming out in sunny spots are from the last year's daylilies but not the same ones. They have new life. As natural seasons repeat every year, we repeat the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost every year. And Lent is in the middle of them renewing and balancing other seasons and our faith journey without fancy commercial practices. Our faith grows quietly in the Lenten season because it is the season without distractions. In this Lenten season, the growth comes from God in Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God.

With gratitude,
Eun-Hye Choi, pastor





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Guide to Holy Week



Palm Sunday April 2, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



Maundy Thursday April 6, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



Good Friday April 7 7:00 p.m.

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified.



Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



Easter Sunday April 9, 10:00 a.m.

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.

TOP OF THE HEAP

TREASURES AND RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, MARCH 31 1:00-7:00

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 8:00-12:00

- CLOTHING

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

Joan Loyd
Burton and Mariann Randle
Connie Wiggins

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

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In Memoriam

Robert Thake passed away very suddenly on March 14, 2023. Robert leaves behind 6 children.

Viola Scannell passed away on March 6, 2023. Viola had been very active in our UMW years ago; and leaves behind her husband John.

Please keep these families in your prayers. May God's love and grace comfort them at this time.

Diaper Drive April 23 - May 14 (Mother's Day) will benefit WINGS (Women in Need Growing Stronger). Supportive services provided to WINGS residents include budget planning, counseling, child and family services, support groups, crisis management, goal setting, and access to vocational counseling. WINGS has Emergency Safe Houses in Chicago and the suburbs, Transitional Housing for unemployed survivors and their children with refuge while they seek employment. WINGS apartments are distributed throughout the north and northwest suburbs and Permanent Housing for long-term and optional supportive services to physically or mentally disabled adults and their children.

SOHMAR MISSION TRIP

There will be more than a thousand households & individual beneficiaries from several indigent communities in the Philippines who will be receiving the following;

Slippers, T-shirts, Brown bag of two kilos of rice, six packs of noodles & six cans of sardines, loaves of bread, free hair cut, and box lunches of rice, fried chicken & pancit for those attending the events.

At most events, we will share the gospel of God with the people through songs & short stories in the bible. We have local church deacons assisting in the actual execution of these projects.

In addition, a "livelihood means" will be started in the community prone to communist recruitments so their allegiance can't be easily swayed against the Philippine Govt. The Mushroom Production Project will benefit 175 households & 100 elementary children.

Lastly, we will put up four artesian wells in remote areas without available potable water. One of which will be named in honor of Glenview United Methodist Church, Rev. Dr. Eun-Hye Choi.

We welcome donations for the projects. However, your prayers for our safe travel are as good as any material assistance. With our faith in Him, through Him, many of those who haven't been heard will enjoy the abundant showers of blessings of God Almighty.

Yours in faith,

Mac & Alice Ramos

"Donations are welcome, and checks must be payable to SOHMAR Foundation."

Adventures with Beth and Greg

Boy oh boy have we missed you April! We have finally reached the proverbial "light at the end" of winter's long, cold, dark tunnel and spring is upon us! This year April brings us Holy Week!

On Sunday April 2nd we will ask that everyone that is able to gather outside the sanctuary and in the parlor so that we can all process into the sanctuary symbolizing Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. The choir will lead and the rest of us will follow joining them as they sing our opening hymn. If you are unable to process with us, please feel free to take your seat and watch and sing along with us!

Our Easter service will be held on Sunday morning April 9th. Please be sure to join us for this joyful celebration of Jesus Resurrection! This year we have moved the Easter Egg Hunt to where it should be! Easter Sunday on our front lawn! (Weather permitting). Bring your own basket if you'd like, or we will provide colorful bags if you don't have one. All of our children worshipping with us that morning are welcome to participate. We will meet outside following the service. Parents bring your cameras! You won't want to miss it!

Both GUMYouth and Sunday School will be continuing to work on preparing our two gardens in April. The GUMYouth garden beds in the GUMC Community Garden and our YouthServices Rock Garden. We'll be transitioning our plants from their seed pods to a larger container getting ready to plant them in May. The Sunday School kids will be painting rocks to "plant" in our YouthServices Rock Garden!

As the ASP summer trip gets closer, please keep your eyes on your emails for updates and meetings.

As always, the most current information will come to you via the weekly GUMC Eblasts and our very own Weekend Updates. Be sure to check them both each week!

See you in Church!
Greg and Beth



Coins and Singles- April- June

Since Turkey and Syria were devastated by an earthquake in February over 35,000 people have died and hundreds of thousands of people were left homeless. UMCOR and their long-standing humanitarian partner, International Blue Crescent, are helping the survivors as they seek shelter, warmth, and a hot meal. They are providing tents, heaters, blankets, warm clothes, first aid kits, and ready to eat meals. Please support their relief and recovery efforts. Advance # 982550

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.

Have you heard that "wills are for rich people?" That's right! But they are also "for poor people" and for everyone in between. Your will relates to everything God has entrusted with you, and it can be a powerful statement of your Christian stewardship.



THANK YOU!

The Board of Trustees of the GUMC has been working on many big, and small, projects to improve our building. The board recently worked with Wesley Childcare Center and Glenview Methodist Preschool for the safety of all people who use the GUMC facility. As one of those efforts, we installed a locking system on the door from the church office to the Sunshine Way. The door will be locked during weekdays and the office staff will assist you for your access to the Sunshine Way. We appreciate the hard work of our trustees for maintaining and improving the whole campus. If you want to volunteer to support the works of the trustees please contact the co-chairs: Chris Ferrone at cwferrone@yahoo.com or Jane Furch at janeurch@sbcglobal.net. We give a big "Thank You" to our trustees.

May Book Club Selection

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

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. 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!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

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

4/1 Mary Lou Neining
4/3 James Rejuso
4/4 Julie Murphy
4/5 Juanita Smith
4/6 Jan Jeffery
4/11 Barry Putman
4/14 Dawn Denzel
4/17 Kristin Daniels
4/18 Becky Houdek
4/25 C. J. Berg
4/29 J Anderson

4/2 John Curkov
4/4 Jack Curkov
4/5 Brian Conlin
4/5 Cheryl Tweddle
4/8 Cori Mohr
4/13 Emma Porrett
4/16 Nathaniel Brand
4/17 Marie Hoffman
4/22 Matthew Kowski
4/25 Joyce Fridell
4/29 Claire Rowlands

4/2 Marilyn Stowell
4/4 Ken Houdek
4/5 Joey Roth
4/5 Xander Vasquez
4/11 Ann Barnes
4/13 Danny Suhadolnik
4/16 Caryn Granzow
4/17 Matt Jones
4/22 Gabriel Velez
4/28 Dee Cooper
4/29 Beau Surratt

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

4/8 Eun-Hye Choi and Chris Walters
4/12 Susan and David Slaght
4/21 Sue and Ken Ready

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 2
10:00 a.m.

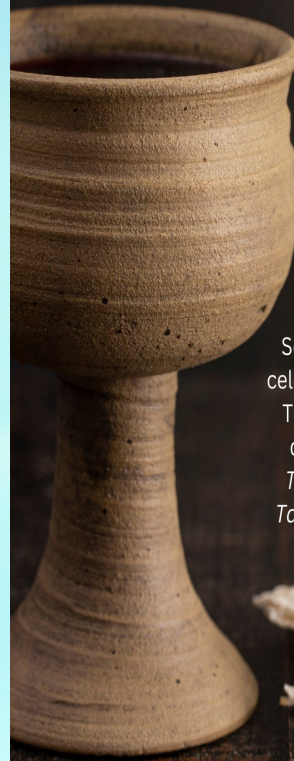


Palm Sunday worship will start with a palm parade from the parlor with the song of *Hosanna*. Anyone who wants to participate in the parade, please come to the parlor by 9:50am. The Sanctuary Choir will lead the way.

Holy Thursday

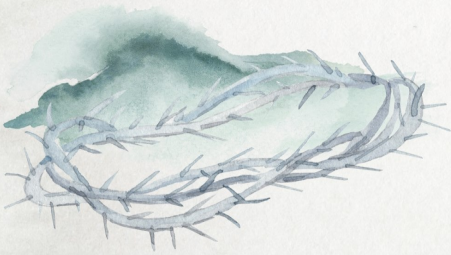
Twelve Disciples at the Table

April 6 at 7:00 p.m.



Service will start with soup and bread as we celebrate Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. The Gospels tell us the names of the twelve disciples and we know the stories of four. *The Monologues of Twelve Disciples at the Table* will tell us the testimonies of all twelve disciples.

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GOOD FRIDAY *Worship*

April 7 at 7pm

Jesus' Seven Last Words on the Cross

1. "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do" (Luke 23:34) Eun-Hye Choi
2. "You will be with Me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43). Linda Duback
3. "Woman, behold your son!" (John 19:26-27). Beau Surratt
4. "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46). - Laura Wilson Underwood
5. "I thirst!" (John 19:28). Chris Walters
6. "It is finished!" (John 19:30). Joanne Richer
7. "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit'" (Luke 23:46). Brad Underwood

Easter Sunday

April 9
10:00 a.m.

He is Risen



A celebration for all ages! Join us for a worship filled with music and hear the good news we have been waiting for!