



The Visitor

May, 2023

Friends,

I have a personal topic that I want to share with you. I am about to go on a pilgrimage with one of our members, Linda Duback. It is the Civil Right Pilgrimage organized by the Northern Illinois Conference. It is one of the efforts that the NIC offers to achieve their goal of anti-racism in the church. About Anti-Racism, I think, I have a tricky position as a pastor and as a member of a minority race in the United Methodist Church. I came to the USA as an immigrant following other family members in 1988 when I was 28 years old. When I married Chris in 2000, I decided to get citizenship releasing the hope that I may go back to Korea sometime. That was a good decision. Chris and I have been raising a family of three, trying to overcome the differences of races, personalities, cultures, languages, and upbringings. For that, I give a big credit to Chris who is a typical white, tall, midwestern man, who didn't have many experiences of race and racism.

Since the ordination in 1998, I have been appointed to five UMC churches in the NIC. All of them are cross-cultural appointments. Race is the main topic of my ministry and life. At one church someone called me "a cute and dynamic thing," rather than pastor. There were other experiences that were much worse than that. I learned and experienced many things about race and racism. In general, I learned, the racism in America is based on the history of the sin of slavery. That means black Americans have been bearing the weight of racism. Black Americans still show the way

to other civil right movements, such as immigrants' rights, women's rights, LGBTQ persons' rights, transgender persons' rights, and disability persons' rights. I believe we are indebted to black Americans' courage, wisdom, and perseverance.

Then, how do we understand and position other racism issues, such as, so called "illegal immigrants" from Central and South America, the poverty of Native-Americans, anti-Muslim violence, antisemitism, Asian hate, or homophobic legislations? Once I was asked why I don't do anything about Asian hate. That's where my tricky position on racism stands as a pastor. Personally, I have enough opinions on racism but as a pastor I don't want to lead our church from my perspectives. All I want to say is "let's hear the suffering person's stories." That might be a black mother who lost her son in violence. That might be a transgender person who can't have medical treatment. That might be a teenager who can't go to college because he/she is undocumented. I was slow to participate in, and introduce NIC's programs of antiracism to our church. But I believe the time has come. So, I invited Linda Duback to go on this Civil Right pilgrimage with me to learn more about racism and to lead the antiracism effort in our church. I hope Linda and I will be safe people and safe places for you when and where we gather to discuss and act on antiracism in the future. Thank you for listening to my story again!

With gratitude,
Eun-Hye Choi, pastor



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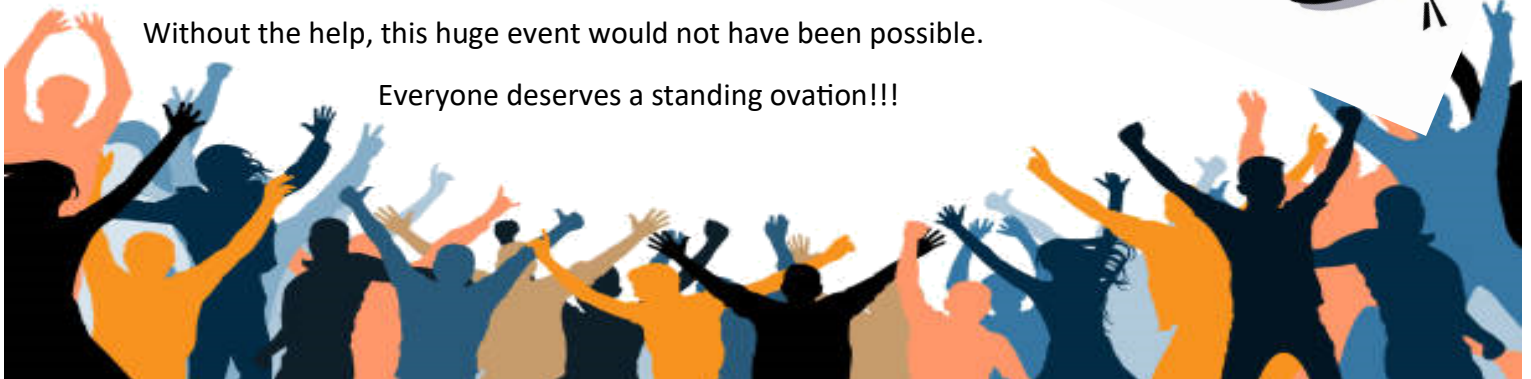
NEWS

A HUGE HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO JANET CONLIN AND BECKY NETHERLAND for chairing this year's Rummage Sale. It was a huge success and raised close to \$14,000.00 for missions.

There are so many more people to thank who worked tirelessly every day/all day/all week, collecting, sorting, displaying, working the sale and finally cleaning up when it was all over.

Without the help, this huge event would not have been possible.

Everyone deserves a standing ovation!!!



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

Connie Wiggins, John Whitfield,
Ben Campbell, Priscilla Nutt, Jim Glass
Barb Galarza and family

Pastor Eun-Hye and Linda Duback while they attend
a Conference on Civil Rights in Alabama.

Jun and Alice Ramos while on their mission trip in
the Philippines.



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

In Memoriam

Sadly, our long time member, **Dee Cooper**, passed
away on Wednesday, March 22. A memorial was
held April 29 at GUMC.

Sincere sympathy to Jim and Pat Glass on the very
sudden death of Jim's son, James D. Glass who
passed away in Florida on Wednesday, March 27.

Sadly, our long time friend, Burton Randle passed
away on Sunday, April 16th. A memorial for Burt was
held at Trinity UMC in Wilmette on Saturday, April
29.

Our sincere sympathy to the Dewar and Allen
families on the passing of Matthew (Sandy) Dewar,
who passed away on April 11, 2023. No services
have been announced.

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

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!



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.

Adventures with Beth and Greg

And just like that, you blink, and a program year comes to an end. It goes by so quickly. But not before a very exciting and busy month of May! **On Sunday May 7th**, there will be an ASP/GUMY forum after the worship service entitled "Why Appalachia?" This is not only for our Youth and Adults that will be making the trip this summer in July, but all are invited to hear about the Appalachian Region, its geology, natural resources, its continued economic challenges and the importance of the APS mission. Be sure to join us!

Early in May, our Confirmation students will be finishing their bible studies for this year. Two will be preparing for their Confirmation by making their individualized stoles - with one side representing who they are and the other side representing where they are at in their faith journey. They are also working with their mentors to develop their faith statements. **On Sunday May 21st** we will recognize the completion of two years of Confirmation classes by confirming Claire Cummings (mentored by Janet Ferrone) and James Rejuso (mentored by Curt Corbige). Please mark your calendars and be in church with us as we celebrate Claire and James as full members of Glenview United Methodist Church.

All of our 6-12th graders are invited to join us in planting the GUMY garden beds in the Glenview Necessities Garden. We will be planting the tomatoes and peppers that we have been raising from seed. We will also be trying out some urban gardening techniques that maximize produce yield in a small space. Watch your emails for date and time as this will be weather dependent as we need to wait until after the risk of frost for the spring season has passed (or at least we hope).

Our Sunday School students will have Sunday School on **May 7th and 14th**. We will not have Sunday School on May 21st as we believe it is important that the younger children stay in worship for the Confirmation Service to hear the stories of our Confirmands' Faith stories and be there to celebrate with us.

Looking ahead - on **Sunday, June 18th**, we will recognize our graduating seniors: high school, college undergraduate and graduate students. If you have a child that will be graduating this spring, please let us know so we can be sure to include them in our graduation breakfast and worship service.

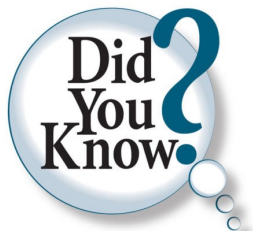
See you in Church!

Peace

Greg and Beth

Update: GUMC's New Neighbors - Do you need help?

Isaac, Mangala, Sergio and Amelia enjoyed their time at the GUMC rummage sale. They are so pleased with their findings and are very grateful to GUMC for your generosity in making their "purchases" as gifts. Isaac and Mangala are in ESL classes and their English is coming along. They are anxious to work. If you have chores you need help with, e.g. housekeeping, window washing, lawn or garden work, etc. they would be happy to learn your methods and do so. They are to be paid \$15.00/hr. They live in W. Rogers Pk, about 20 min. from church and will need transportation. If you are not able to provide it, the GUMC team working with them will try to do so. If you can use their services, please contact Ethel Doyle, 847-975-0361. To all at GUMC, many, many thanks for your generous support to our "New Neighbor" family.



Are you leaving a legacy of “red tape” for your heirs? A legal will drawn by your attorney will cut out the “red tape” and accomplish what you want to happen following your death.

The VITA (Volunteers in Teaching Adults) program is dedicated to excellence in teaching and learning. ESL and Literacy volunteer tutors assist the Lead Instructors by working with students one-on-one or in small groups so that they become more proficient in English or improve their reading skills for their personal and professional development.

Share your knowledge of the English language and your ability to read with foreign or American-born adults on two mornings, afternoons, or evenings or on Saturday mornings on a continuous basis throughout the year. Tutor trainings take place in Sept., Jan., March, and June.

Spring Into Volunteering
Spring into volunteering this summer!
Many adults need help with basic English
speaking, listening, reading & writing skills.
Call Oakton College at 847-635-1426
Or e-mail us at VITA@oakton.edu

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

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

5/1 Dee Ann Ellis	5/1 Bonnie Frame	5/1 Ellen Krcik
5/1 Emily Krcik Cerny	5/2 Hannah Russell	5/3 Michael Galarza
5/3 Jade Roth	5/4 Lyn Johnson	5/6 Henry Netherland
5/6 David Ventura	5/7 John Galarza	5/7 Andrew Richter
5/8 Alex Ferrone	5/8 Larry Stiefvater	5/9 Jordan Buchta
5/9 Daniel Geiger	5/10 Patrick Keenan	5/11 Donna Kwiatkowski
5/12 Sharon Espino	5/13 Kristopher Denzel	5/14 Ann Rowlands
5/15 Lillian Ludwig	5/15 Philip Sailer	5/16 Kent Smith
5/16 Shannon Smith	5/17 Ceil Zabielski	5/18 Clayton Buchta
5/21 Annette Johnson	5/21 Melissa Read	5/21 Mark Rowlands
5/22 Joyce Hosler	5/24 Mariann Randle	5/26 Owen Cummings
5/26 Maddie Peterson	5/26 Spencer Peterson	5/28 Linda Kleckner
5/28 Grace Ludwig	5/29 Catherine Berg	5/29 Liz Mylander
5/30 Allen Pyterek	5/31 Hudson Galer	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

5/4 Dawn and Michael Denzel	5/7 Matthew and Korey Holzhueter	5/9 Susan and Tom Urban
5/15 Judy and Patrick Keenan	5/21 Caryn and Will Granzow	5/28 Barb and Keith Cordell
5/28 Bonnie and Rob Frame	5/29 Sharon and Steve Dahnert	

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.

Glenview Concert Band

The Glenview Concert Band will present a night of music made up of self-directed small ensembles at GUMC on May 15 in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. Come enjoy the music as performed by our members and friends. This is a free event. All are invited.



Want to learn more about our youth's Appalachia Service Project mission trip? Come on Sunday,

May 7th at 11 am in the social hall to listen to "Why Appalachia?"

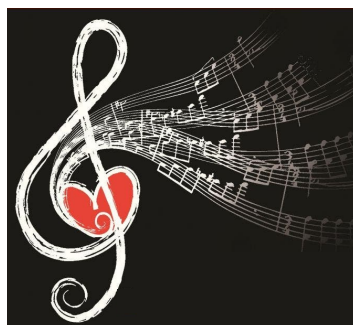
8th Graders! High School Seniors! College Seniors! Trade School Graduates!

June is our Graduation Edition of the monthly *Visitor*. Are you graduating middle school, high school college, or trade school? Let us know your plans for the future. Email office@glenviewumc.org so we can share your good news with your church family.



COLLEGE Scholarships

Nilson Scholarship: Now is your chance to apply for the Nilson \$1,000 Scholarship Award. It is for any GUMC member who will be enrolled in the fall of 2023 as a full time student in a 4-year college or university. Your entry for this award should consist of a short essay highlighting your accomplishments and activities, your higher education plans, and future career and personal interests. Also, please include a brief explanation as to how this award would benefit you. Entries must be submitted to the church office in a sealed envelope marked "Scholarships." The deadline is June 1.



Classical Music Concert
benefitting
THE DEBRA GELFAND
CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION.

Sunday, May 21
4:00 p.m.

Three Glenbrook South musicians, Hayden Hogue, Marie Ku and Mia Vick will perform in our sanctuary.
Donations welcome!