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Glenview United Methodist Church **THE VISITOR**



From the pastor

Dear friends,

I recently officiated two memorial services in our sanctuary and their interment services in our Memorial Garden. Whenever I sit down with the family of the deceased to plan the service, I realize how important the Glenview UMC was to the deceased. They worshipped in the sanctuary, sang in the choir, studied the Bible in pastor's office, had countless meetings in the parlor, baked and cooked in the kitchen, taught Sunday School, knitted prayer shawls, planted trees and flowers and pulled weeds, sorted and sold rummage, talked and laughed in the social hall, collected and delivered school supplies and winter coats/mittens, brought Christmas gifts for the *Whose Birthday Is It* program and many more.

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Adventures with Beth and Greg

July is our ASP month during which a group of ambassadors from GUMC will represent our community by serving with the Appalachia Service Project in Knott County, Kentucky the week of July 9th. Join us on July 2nd for our ASP Commissioning Service and on July 30th for our ASP Witness Service with Root Beer Float Fellowship to follow.

Also in July, we will be hosting a Family Ministry Calendar Planning Meeting on Monday, July 17th at 6 pm in the GUMC parlor. We have some amazing and very active families at GUMC but our schedules don't always align.

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We will be blessing the ASP Group on Sunday, July 2 during worship. Our ASP group will be leaving July 8 and returning July 15. Our group this year is Linda Kleckner, Lindsey Kleckner, Beth Peterson, Maddie Peterson, Spencer Peterson, Ed Porrett, Kate Ribordy, and Tim Walters.

**ROOT BEER
FLOAT/ASP
FELLOWSHIP
SUNDAY
JULY 30**



**ROOT BEER FLOAT
DAY**

Never wanting to miss an opportunity to eat and celebrate, GUMC will host a Root Beer Float Fellowship after worship, Sunday, July 30 in the social hall. Fellowship will also include a fascinating screen show and discussion of this year's ASP Mission Trip.

... *From the pastor* continued:

The deceased members and friends of Glenview UMC cherished the church, and the church enriched their lives with purpose, friendship, and meaning.

How about you? Is Glenview UMC important to you? Why? How does Glenview UMC enrich you and your family's life? A member's daughter told me her father hated to miss Sunday worship even when he was ill because his spirit was lifted and found lasting meaning here in his old age. A son told me his mother almost lived in the church because it was her favorite place to be in. A husband still sits down in the Memorial Garden several times a week to visit his wife who was so active at the church. The songs they sang and the prayers they lifted to God in the sanctuary have left layers of spiritual legacies. The food they made and baked in the kitchen left many heartwarming stories.

One of our deceased members, Lib Nightingale, cherished Glenview UMC, especially the mission outreach programs, and she left a legacy gift to church in the hope that mission ministries kept going on strong. Because of her legacy gift, countless lives have been touched through Glenview UMC. I believe there are many reasons why the members and friends of Glenview UMC leave legacy gifts for the future of Glenview UMC. I know you cherish your church. Did you put the church in your will or trust? Is there any specific cause you want to contribute to or through Glenview UMC even after you leave earthly life? I am available to help you walk through your thoughts and wishes. Though I am not a member of Glenview UMC, I hope that GUMC stays as the light of the community to the distant future. May God bless all ministries of our church to radiate the love of God to the community.

With gratitude

Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

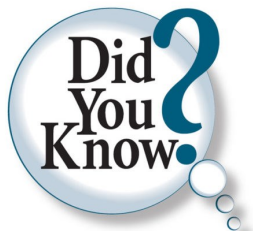


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Permanent endowments are gifts that keep on giving. If the endowment agreement states that the principal shall never be invaded and the income is paid out to support a designated cause through your church, then your gift is “forever”.

... *Adventures with Beth and Greg* continued:

To get the most of our time together we would like to plan in such a way that we get everyone here at the same time or as close to that as possible. And it is more fun when we are all together! So we need your input. We would like parents of ages 3 and up and youth 6th grade and up, to join us in our Sunday School, Confirmation and GUMY scheduling for the 2023-2024 church program year. Bring your family calendars and let's figure out the dates and times of programming that works for everyone!.

We know it is still June as we write, but...looking ahead, the annual Blessing of the Backpack service will be on August 20th and Rally Day with recognition of Sunday School teachers and helpers on September 10th. Sunday School and Confirmation classes will begin Sunday, September 17th with presentation of Sunday School Bibles to 3rd graders and the Study Bibles to all new Confirmation students.

Though the summer seems to sometimes fly by faster than the school year does, we wish all of you a wonderful July 4th celebration, safe travels for those vacationing away, and many blessings throughout the rest of your summer as you relax, enjoy and rejuvenate for the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

Peace,

Beth and Greg



Parsonage Open House: August 6 after worship. The Trustees have been hard at work making structural repairs and updates to the parsonage. Come and take a look at the work that has been done.

Jun and Alice Ramos will have a presentation of the Philippines mission trip (Water Project) in the parlor after worship on August 13.

Women's Wellness Weekend is finally back!! We are so excited to let the women of the congregation know that we will be back at our beloved Camp Edwards this fall, the weekend of Sept. 29 – Oct. 1. It will be wonderful to have a full weekend together up in nature and with many friends. Please mark this time on your calendar! We will be giving you more specific information later in the summer for sign up in August.

Women's Wellness Mini Event: There will also be a ½ day Women's Wellness event in GUMC parlor on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 9 am – 1:30 pm.

Rummage Sale 2024 The Women in Faith set the dates for the 2024 Rummage Sale. It will be held on Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13, with collections starting on April 7, 2024.



The Methodist Churches in the Northern Illinois Conference are asked to help arriving refugees through World Relief, Chicagoland, a Christian help agency. Many people are arriving in Chicagoland weekly and donations to help them get settled are needed. World Relief has sig-

nificant need for household items, new or like new condition. Welcome Kits lists are at the collection bins or go to their website: <https://worldrelief.org/chicagoland/donations/>. Or you can also send Welcome Kit items through this Amazon Wishlist. (<https://worldrelief.org/chicagoland/donations/>), Especially needed now are the top 15 items for the Welcome Kit.

- Sheets comforters for full; twin beds
- std. size pillows pillow cases
- towel sets: bath, hand, washcloth
- lamps
- deodorant
- alarm clocks
- detergent
- kitchen trash bags
- bag of flour
- cooking oil
- instant coffee
- cutting boards
- pack & plays
- coffee mugs

Gift cards to Amazon, Aldi, Goodwill, Target, or Walmart are also very helpful to purchase groceries, medicine, and basic needs for families arriving across the Chicagoland region. They DO NOT accept: clothes (except winter gear), toys or mattresses. Put your donations in the collection bins near the Social Hall or the Church office.

Thank you, Missions and Service Ministry



Need a Helper?

For gardening, lawn care, house cleaning, etc. GUMC's sponsored asylum seeker husband and wife are happy to help and are to be paid a minimum of \$15.00/hr. Contact Ethel Doyle to make arrangements. 847-975-0361

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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"Fun, clever, and surprisingly upbeat."

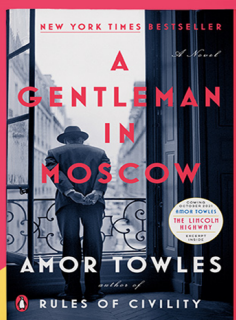
—BILL GATES

"If you're looking for a summer novel, this is it."

—FAREED ZAKARIA, CNN

"The book is like a salve."

—ANN PATCHETT



A Gentleman In Moscow

by Amor Towles

August Book Club Selection

Discussion: August 1 @ 7:00 p.m.

In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery.

Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose.

Book Club Selection in September: *THE THURSDAY MURDER CLUB MYSTERY: Book 1*, By Richard Osman

Loose Coins and Singles - July - September

Midwest Mission Distribution Center opened in Chatham, Illinois in 2000. Since then everything has been done with donations of time, money, and needed items. These have come from individuals, churches, groups, and volunteer labor. It has shown God's love in practical ways through the distribution of education, health, micro-business and disaster relief supplies meeting basic needs here and around the world. Our church is a drop-off location for this area.

Midwestmission.org #50000150

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"



Loose Coins and Singles

Contribute



Kyle and Erin Smith had their second child, a baby boy on May 31st. His name is Carter Jennings Smith. Grandparents Kent and Sherry are thrilled.

Mystery Event!

Saturday, October 21! Mark your calendar now. It's a secret so stay tuned for the big announcement!



Music Survey Results

Since Tom Tobin is retiring in July, we're going to be conducting a search for a new music director. This presented an excellent opportunity to explore new directions for our music program based on the needs and wishes of our Congregation.

On June 11th we introduced a survey of future music preferences and accepted surveys and feedback through June 20th. Sixty-six responses were received, showing our congregation to be eager about sharing their feelings toward our music program. The results are:

1. All traditional hymns with organ & choir (current service format): 13
2. Mostly traditional hymns with organ & choir and contemporary/praise band music every now and then: 33
3. Any music is fine. I don't have a preference: 6
4. Mostly contemporary/praise band music and traditional hymns with organ & choir every now and then: 13
5. All contemporary/praise band music: 1

As you can see, there is a desire to continue with traditional hymns with organ and choir while also mixing in new contemporary/praise band type music. So we'll be looking for a new music director to continue building on our already amazing music program with some more contemporary/praise band selections. This data and written feedback will be an excellent source of information for the new leader of our music program in pursuit of a music program that appeals to the spiritual needs of everyone in our Congregation. A committee is being formed to recruit both a new music director and organist/pianist, and all members of our Congregation are invited to join this team! If you are interested in participating, please contact Doris in the Church office.



As you all know by now, Tom Tobin's last day with us will be on Sunday July 9th. The congregation will celebrate the love of music he has shared with us over the past 35 years. Gifts for a Love Offering must be given to Doris in the church office by July 5th. There will be a reception in the choir room following the service on July 9th. Any additional notes for Tom expressing appreciation for his many musical talents may be given then. Looking forward to seeing you all!

The SPRC committee



Announcement of the new GUMC “Statement of Core Values”



The GUMC Strategy Committee proposed the Church adopt a new statement of core values, and that input from the Congregation was wanted to select the best one of four proposed statements. The responses were collected on Sunday, May 21, 2023, and the following week. This was a very popular survey. Over 70 responses were collected! The responses clearly indicated one statement was the winner, and it was: “Connecting with others through Mission, Music, and Ministry.”

The Strategy Team, Judy Keenan, Janet Ferrone, Ethel Doyle, Pastor Eun-Hye, Beth and Greg Peterson, and Karen and Scott Daniels, wish to thank everyone for their enthusiastic participation in the survey, and also Doris Stengel for compiling the results!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

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



7/1 Anna Parry

7/4 Ashley Slobodecki

7/6 Paul Ellis

7/7 Bill Murphy

7/9 Melissa Gwozd

7/13 Diann Campbell

7/17 Betsy Schweers

7/23 Wyatt Cummings

7/24 Tim Walters

7/26 Jason DeBaker

7/28 Jean Losquadro

7/3 Tita Gimeno

7/4 Paula Stoddard

7/6 Susanne Rudolph

7/7 Tracy Tweddle

7/9 Jim Locke

7/14 Scott Daniels

7/18 Jim Glass

7/23 Susan Krcik

7/25 Ryan Ellis

7/26 Helen Jo Ellis

7/31 Rose Ackerman

7/5 Kay Harr

7/4 Valerie Tweddle

7/6 Linda Vassallo

7/8 Emma Yonkers

7/10 Tom Hutchins

7/15 Walter Meyer

7/19 Layla DeBaker

7/23 Beth Peterson

7/25 Joan Loyd

7/26 Maggie McCarron

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

7/2 Katie and Matt Jones

7/6 Sharon and Richard Espino

7/11 Annette and Tom Johnson

7/12 Alisha and Chuck Potter

7/25 Linda and Dave Duback

7/26 Patty and Daniel Stryker

7/30 Kathy and Ted Sawicz

7/5 Dee Ann and Paul Ellis

7/9 Beth and Greg Peterson

7/12 Cori and Jeff Mohr

7/15 Helen Jo and Stephen Ellis

7/25 Ann and Bob Rowlands

7/28 Joy and Bill Forman

