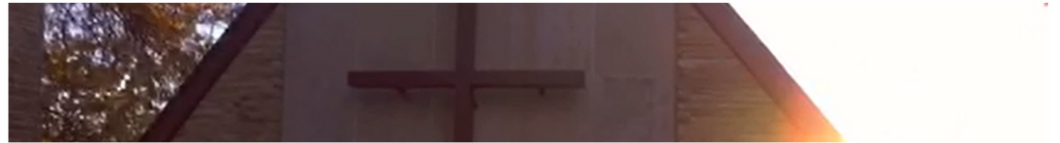


October, 2023

# *Glenview United Methodist Church* **THE VISITOR**



## ***From the pastor***

Dear friends,

When the trees in the front yard start to turn to bright colors and the morning air gets colder, we feel like we need to get serious and go deeper in pondering our life and faith. It is a good season and time to read, study, and discuss the Bible and the issues of our society with friends. Since last year's Advent season, we have been using the Revised Common Lectionary representing a number of different Christian church's effort to improve Christian unity. We read the same Bible texts in a three-year cycle in Christian worship. I work with our music director and other staff members to plan Sunday worship according to each week's lectionary readings. I also love to hear your interpretation of each lectionary reading and your stories that relate the theme of the readings.

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## ***Adventures with Beth and Greg***

It's official, I'm waving the white flag..3 games into this Bears season and I've given up any hope of this team making the playoffs. Wondering if I should add the team to our prayer chain? I often find myself doing just that, lots of praying while I sit in worship!

Ok enough about my broken and battered Bears heart, on to exciting things happening at GUMC in the month of October!

Sunday October 1st is World Communion Sunday. During GUMY last Sunday the youth made the bread that we'll be sharing during Communion on the 1st. This was our first

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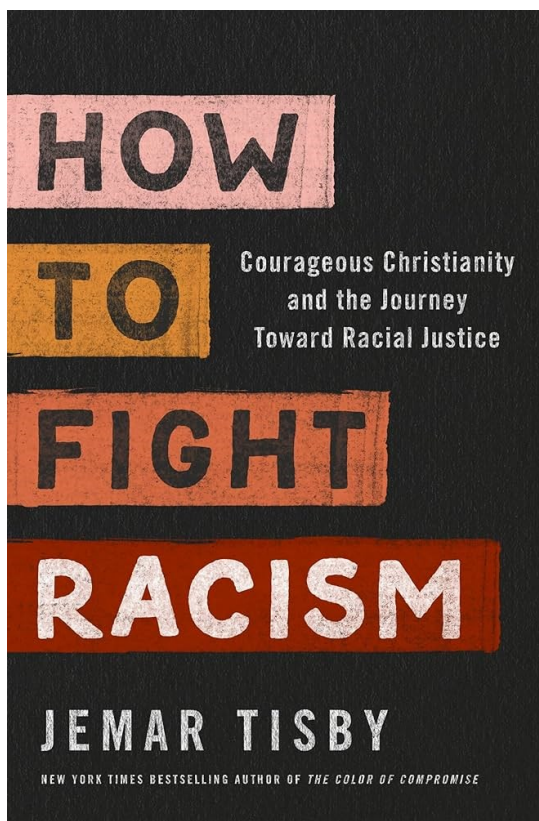
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How do we effectively confront racial injustice? We need to move beyond talking about racism and start equipping ourselves to fight against it.



## Thursday Mornings

Beginning October 5 at 10:00 a.m.

*Join leaders, Linda Duback and Rev. Eun-Hye Choi as they  
discuss the*

**The A.R.C. Of Racial Justice: Awareness, Relationships, and  
Commitment**

*There is hope for transforming our nation and the world, and  
you can be part of the solution.*

If you would like to purchase a book ahead of time, register, or have any questions, please contact the Glenview United Methodist Church at 847-729-1015 or by email to [office@glenviewumc.org](mailto:office@glenviewumc.org). Books are available for purchase (\$10). Discussion to be held in the study room on the second floor or the Glenview Library, 1930 Glenview Rd.

... *From the pastor* continued:

We will have a Lectionary discussion group on Wednesday mornings starting on October 4 at 10am in the choir room. I will try my best to make it a hybrid of in-person and on-line. Since the pandemic broke out, we had Bible study through zoom for three years, and some people faithfully joined us who were not our members and/or living outside of Glenview area. We don't want to exclude them when we go back to the in-person gathering. I printed the lectionary readings to the end of the Christmas season. They are in the church office. They are NRSV translation, and you can compare them to your own Bible when we study together. Once you join the group, I will email you every week with the zoom link for online participants, each week's lectionary readings, and discussion points. Please email me at [echoi@glenviewumc.org](mailto:echoi@glenviewumc.org) or church office at [office@glenviewumc.org](mailto:office@glenviewumc.org) to register. Because each week's lectionary is independent you can join us whenever you are available.

Also, we will have an anti-racism discussion group on Thursday mornings at 10am in the study room of the Glenview Public Library (second floor) starting on October 5th. I hope that meeting in the library is the place where everyone, including non-Christians, feel comfortable and safe to discuss the complex topics of anti-racism. Please come with friends and neighbors. We will use the workbook "How to Fight Racism" and our discussion will be around the real-life situations and experiences of anti-racism. The books are in the church office. The group will meet for six weeks. You and your friends may join us whenever you are available. Linda Duback and I will lead it. Please contact Linda at [lduback@gmail.com](mailto:lduback@gmail.com) or me at [echoi@glenviewumc.org](mailto:echoi@glenviewumc.org) for more information.

We know that no study or discussion itself make us better humans or better Christians. But studying the Bible and discussing real issues of life in a community with others help us experience other peoples' life situations and perspectives and move us to go beyond our own world views and beliefs. We learn together that humility and vulnerability are the essence of the Christian practices.

As you read this October newsletter, I will be walking on Portuguese Way of Camino De Santiago. I chose this walking pilgrimage as part of my spiritual development in the hope that I may encounter God, strangers, and myself in a more humbling way than being a pastor or preacher. We are all pilgrims of life and faith, not owners of them. So, we give thanks to God.

With gratitude  
Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

**Our condolences** to Rev. Diana Facemyer and family on the death of the Rev. Dan Facemyer on September 22. A memorial is planned for October 7 2:30 p.m. at Plainfield United Methodist Church. (15114 S. Illinois St. Plainfield, IL 60544). Rev. Diana's address is: 271 Moss Grove Blvd., Apt. 314, Knoxville, TN 37922.

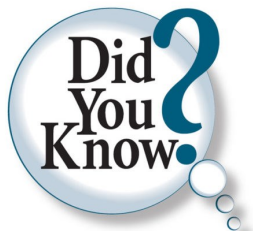
*Please keep Pastor Diana and her family in your prayers. May God's love and grace comfort them at this time.*

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

Sally Lankford \* Alice Ramos  
Bob Deme \* Lindsay Kleckner  
Sue Urban

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



What about an endowment established in the name of your family? Your family name will live on the life of GUMC. Other family members might also consider contributing. The endowment could support a special ministry of GUMC that has been especially meaningful for your family.

... *Adventures with Beth and Greg* continued

GUMY gathering since school resumed and it was a blast baking bread followed by a very “intense” game of Spoons in the parlor.

A few important dates to get on your calendars..

**Saturday October 21st** is A Night in Venice. You will not want to miss it! Prior to dinner, during appetizers, we will be working on an Italian themed art project. After dinner we welcome any kids that would like to join us in the parlor for an activity. This is also the night for our GUMYOUTH Lock In! All 6th through 12th graders are included. We’re planning a fire with s’mores, games and a movie! Bring your sleeping bags and an air mattress or mattress pad and anything else you might need. Check out time at the Hotel GUMC is 7am Sunday the 22nd!

**Sunday October 29th** following the service we will host Trunk or Treat in the GUMC parking lot (indoors if inclement weather) After Trunk or Treat, GUMYOUTH will then have lunch offsite (location tbd).

**Sunday December 10th** will be our all ages Christmas Program. Details are still being worked out but will include the Adult Choir, Bell Choir, Children’s music and a Children’s Nativity. Following the program will be the Annual GUMC Cookie Walk!

Make sure to keep up with our weekly Church E-News along with Beth’s Weekend Updates. If you are not receiving these please let us know so we can add your email to our list!

See you in Church!

Peace

Greg and Beth

### World Communion Sunday

**October 1 at 10:00 a.m.**

Every year on the first Sunday in October, Christians around the globe celebrate World Communion Sunday. It is a day to remember that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and that every Christian Church and any denomination that promotes Christian unity are one. On this day, people draw faith and inspiration from seeing that they are part of a community that boasts millions of believers and worshippers.



A big thank you to all involved in the execution of the kick-off Sunday! The tables were lovely, the food delicious and even the weather cooperated! Thanks to each person involved for your hard work making it happen!

~Eve Circle





***GUMC conference will be Tuesday,  
Oct. 17 at 7 pm***

**ALL people of GUMC are encouraged to attend this night of information. What has GUMC been doing and where are we going!**

## **October Book Club**

**We're off to the movies this month!**

**October 24**

In the 1920s, members of the Osage Native American tribe of Osage County, Oklahoma, are murdered after oil is found on their land, and the FBI decides to investigate.



**AMC Golf Mill—Niles**  
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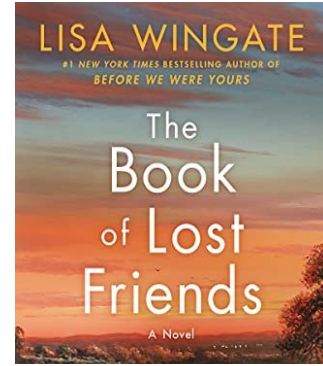
**Time to be determined when showtimes are released.**

Ray Trent, a Methodist church NOMAD volunteer, picked up 6 sewing machines, including 1 treadle, for Midwest Mission Dist. Center, Pawnee, IL (near Springfield). The machines will be refurbished and shipped to third-world countries where women are taught to sew and some even make a business of their new skills. Thanks for all who donated these machines and for any in the future. Treadle machines are invaluable in areas where electricity is limited or non-existent.

GUMC is a collection site for MMDC so collections are ongoing. They also like bikes, medical equipment and aids, supplies for cleaning buckets, etc. Go to their website for full list of welcome items: [midwestmission.org](http://midwestmission.org). Put your donation in the collection bins, tagged MMDC. Thank you!

**November Book Club Discussion:**

**November 7 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!



## *September Anniversary – In Memoriam*

September eleventh lives in our minds as wounded  
towers bleeding black smoke

An event so colossal it reached across America and  
shook us from our trance

With ash so thick seeking to blot out the spirit that  
rose up to fight it

Heroes and heroines, black, yellow and white all  
gone gray in clouds of destruction

Young men and women jumping from windows  
rather than face the death clawing at their backs

Uniformed rescuers, like beacons of hope, ascending  
darkened stairs to save lives still in the balance

Steel towers so tortured with heat, they collapsed  
leaving our throats seared while our eyes wept

One year has gone by, days like arrows shot into the  
clouds

I think about the wave of life robbed of its chance to  
break upon the shore

I think of invisible kisses between lovers, and parents  
to their children

I feel a new realization measured not in minutes, but  
heartbeats embracing life

My prayers sing to God; enlighten me that I may be a  
child no more

Let me be as those who cleared away the ash, re-  
formed and on the threshold of new understanding

We are a nation of people threaded together like  
rope, a perpetuity of spirit no vile act will ever dimin-  
ish

August 20th, 2002  
Michel Agriopoulos



### **GUMC's New Neighbor, The Panzu Family, update.**

Isaac and Natasha finally received their work permits and papers. World Relief, the agency that helps them and many new immigrants, helped them with the job search process, provided job leads and now both Isaac and Natasha have jobs! They are so happy and excited to be working and in places close to their home in West Rogers Park. Sergio and Amelia are enjoying school and are appreciative of the school supplies and bikes that you donated. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

## **Volunteer Opportunity to Help Afghan Women**

World Relief is assisting a group for Afghan women to come together, learn about the United States culture and norms (topics ranging from health to schooling to home safety), practice English, and decrease social isolation.

WR is in need of a few more volunteers to help support the program and supervise the children so their mothers can focus on the class. They are looking for **female volunteers** who have daytime availability and can commit to regularly assisting with childcare about once a week.

**Afghan Women's Group Chicago Program,  
Monday & Wednesdays, 9:45 AM – 12:15 PM  
Devon Street – Sabka Sahara Church  
(2538 W Devon Ave, Chicago, IL 60659)  
September 11th thru May 2024**

If you are interested in volunteering and/or learning more contact: Hannah Thompson, Integration & Orientation Coord., World Relief Chicagoland, 773-681-8551 If you know of someone who might be interested, please share this opportunity with her.



The following 3rd graders and confirmands received their Bibles on Sunday, September 10: Emma Granzow, Leo Holzhueter, Creed Kowski, Mason Tagtmeier, Xander Vasquez, Eden Cummings, Ryan Granzow, Ruby Isaac, Izzy Janke, Parleen Macwan, Ellie Ventura.

## Whose Birthday is it, Anyway?

The holiday season will be upon us shortly, and your Missions Team is happy to usher in the thirty-eighth year of our participation in the “Whose Birthday is it, Anyway?” program. As an important mission of our church, to share our blessings with those in need, this program reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas and the reason we celebrate the season. This program offers us the opportunity to purchase gifts for those less fortunate than us. Our gifts will be the only ones received by many of the recipients this season. The agencies we will support this year are:

- Inspired Youth Tutoring Program – grade school and middle school aged children
- Methodist Youth Services – high school students
- Glenview Terrace – seniors
- Olivet United Methodist Church – preschool and grade school aged children

Please make note of the schedule for sign-ups:

- Sunday, November 5, sign-up in person, after church, in the social hall
- Tuesday, November 7, sign-up online, using Sign-Up Genius
- Sunday, November 12, sign-up in person after church

The link will be provided through the church website and e-newsletter and will be available continuously until all names have been taken.

Sunday, December 3, all wrapped gifts are due in the parlor at 10:00 a.m. Gifts may be dropped off in the church office during the week prior to December 3rd between 10:00 and 2:00.

I have been in touch with the coordinators of these programs and they are thrilled and very grateful to be included again this year. They truly appreciate our continued support of their programs.

Holly Porrett - 847-729-8983





# CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Sunday, October 22, 2023, 12:00 check in, group pictures and light refreshments. Walk starts 1:00 Host church: Northfield Community Church, 400 Wagner Rd., Northfield

Participate by joining the GUMC team, donating, securing donors, and/or walking. You can walk any distance up to 5k. All proceeds are used by Church World Service to provide food medical care, disaster relief, provide water wells in remote villages, and self-help development for people in need, locally and around the world. 25% of the money raised by Glenbrook Crop Hunger Walk will be distributed to the Northfield and West Deerfield Township Food Pantries. Last years' walk raised \$28,395.12, GUMC raised \$1,085.00. Help to beat it this year. The walk itself, in addition to the results is a rewarding experience for all.

Register online <http://crophungerwalk.org/northbrookil>, hit -"Join a Team", "Find existing team" - type in Glenview United Methodist Church, take it from there. Or: sign up after service, or if you wish, make check to Church World Service or CWS, memo CROP Walk, put in the Sunday collection. [www.crophungerwalk.org/northbrookil](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/northbrookil)



October 14 – ½ day Women's Wellness Group, in the parlor from 9 am – 1:30 pm. Contact Kathy Sawicz with any questions.

## Glenview United Methodist Church



Chef Curtis Corbige  
presents:

**An Evening  
in Venice**  
October 21  
6-9 p.m.



### MENU

Appetizers

Chef Salad

Chicken Piccata

A variety of Pasta and Sauces

Desserts and Beverages

### Ticket Information:

\$25 per adult. A family  
rate of \$60 or children  
12 and under \$10

Tickets online at  
[www.glenviewumc.org](http://www.glenviewumc.org) "Donate" or  
in the church office.

Including: A Silent Auction, special programming for kids before and after dinner. Entertainment: A live presentation of an old-time radio program presented by Kay Harr and friends.





What is the lectionary?

The lectionary is a complementary tool with the Christian calendar in our spiritual formation and discipleship. The lectionary is a pattern for reading Scripture. It offers a three-year cycle, with the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke providing the basis of each cycle. Selections from John are read during Eastertide in each year.

The lectionary doesn't read straight through the Bible. It assumes our knowledge of the big picture. The lectionary isn't about us knowing the Bible better. It's about us knowing God better. The readings point us to God.

What is the lectionary for?

The lectionary keeps us from forgetting the stories of how God has acted in the world. We neglect to regularly talk about Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and so we forget their stories and we forget that God still encounters us in the same ways. The lectionary is one tool to exercise our "remembering" skills. The lectionary helps us to value the Old Testament and to see its continuity in the story of Jesus and the story of the Church.

Does this sound interesting to you?

Join the Bible study

beginning

October 4 @ 10:00 a.m.

choir room

COMING TO  
GLENVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
**NOVEMBER 4**  
**10:30 A.M.**  
**DOLLEY MADISON:**

**FIRST CLASS, FIRST LADY**

Join historical storyteller Lynn Rymarz as she shares the story of Dolley Madison.

Hear how Mrs. Madison defined a new role for the nation's First Lady, not only during her husband's Presidency, but during widower President Thomas Jefferson's term as well.

Mrs. Madison stood out in the crowd, not only because she was tall, but also because of the stylish clothes she wore.

Learn how she saved President George Washington's portrait during the War of 1812.

Dolley was bold. She was different. Discover why everyone loved her and how she made a difference in American history.

A light breakfast will be served.

Tickets \$20.00

847-729-1015 or online at

[www.glenviewumc.org](http://www.glenviewumc.org)

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Scan the QR code to buy now!



### ***Loose Coins and Singles*** - October - December **Care for Real**

With locations in Edgewater and Rogers Park, **CARE FOR REAL** provides many services. They provide food, clothing, referral services, and additional help. With community support they have welcomed more than 2,500 visits to the food pantry a month. Also, the program provides ready-to-eat items for the unhoused, people without kitchens, and those living in transitional housing. Care for Real serves with compassion to improve the health and wellbeing of low income to foster a healthier, equitable and more stable community.



Loose Coins and Singles

Please donate on line at [www.glenviewumc.org/donate-online](http://www.glenviewumc.org/donate-online) and click on “Loose Coins”, or you can mail a check to the church with “**Care for Real**” in the memo area.

Coming this January: The Pets of GUMC! Submit the highest quality photo of your pet to [jferrone@glenviewumc.org](mailto:jferrone@glenviewumc.org). 2024 calendars will be printed showcasing the family members we never get to see. Depending on participation, we may have TWO pets of each month. Photo submissions due by October 31 to insure printing by the new year. The calendars will be available for a small fee as a fundraiser for the Sunday Fellowship Committee. Lets have fun with this!

### ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!***

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



10/1 Kyle Smith	10/6 Kathy Sawicz	10/6 Tom Urban
10/7 Georgia Baker	10/7 Paula Cordell	10/9 James Villaflor
10/10 Barb Hillis	10/11 Jayden DeBaker	10/11 Susan Urban
10/11 Nora Welter	10/12 Leo Holzhuetter	10/13 Lauren Gersten
10/14 Emma Sailer	10/14 Patty Stryker	10/15 Lydia Larrick
10/16 Sean Conlin	10/17 Romeo Gimeno	10/18 Michelle Cummings
10/18 Maggie Schnackenberg	10/19 Sydney Gwozdz	10/24 Nancy Corbige
10/24 Atticus Ludwig	10/25 Mac Ramos	10/26 Libby Krcik Gromaski
10/27 Alice Goodspeed	10/27 Vince Vasquez	10/28 Rosemary Velez
10/29 Chuck Potter	10/30 Sarah Stasen	10/31 Chris Field
10/31 Ralph Hansen		

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

10/5 Della and Bob Deme	10/5 Joanne and Robert Rothermel
10/6 Linda and Dave Kleckner	10/6 Alice Joyce and Mathew Kowski
10/7 Janet and Chris Ferrone	10/12 Pat and Jim Glass
10/12 Elyce and David Ventura	10/21 Wanda and Bob Frye
10/30 Tracy and Howard Tweddle, III	

