

November, 2023

Glenview United Methodist Church **THE VISITOR**



From the pastor

Friends,

We have all heard the saying, “count your blessings”. I like to count the small somethings that I have, or I that enjoy doing. Some small things that I enjoy every day are a cup of coffee in the morning, a pile of books on my desk, a pair of comfortable shoes to walk everywhere, songs on my playlist, good movies on Netflix, my old car (2007 Kia Sportage), a big jar of kimchi in the refrigerator, a blanket for a nap, and many more. I try to slow down and enjoy the moment when I use these small things. Not everyone is privileged to enjoy these small things in their lives. It's so easy to think and say that we don't have anything. But I believe everyone has something to enjoy and to be thankful for, if we pay attention to them. Would you make a list of small things that you have and enjoy and share it with me?

In the church world, especially since the Covid pandemic, many people talk about the difficulties that churches face. They say, “We don't have money; We don't have volunteers; We don't have young families; We don't have new visitors; We don't have weddings and baptisms anymore; We don't have a full-time pastor; We don't have anything.” Maybe they are right but if we pay attention to what we have, we have something. All of us have something, even in the church world.

At Glenview UMC we have lots of trees. We have handicap accessible facilities. We have two community gardens. We have two schools and two playgrounds on our campus.

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... *From the pastor* continued:

We have an amazing choir and vibrant programs for children and youth. We have passionate mission outreach activities. We have healthy Wesleyan theology that guides us to love God and to love our neighbors. We have big and small things that not many churches have. But we often say we don't have anything, or we don't have enough.

Let me say again that we actually have many big and small things to be thankful for and to enjoy. In this Thanksgiving season, let us remember all the small and big things we have. Let us pay more attention to the small somethings that we have. Let us fill our hearts with joy and gratitude for these small somethings. I believe those small somethings will be multiplied when we lift them up to God and share with others, as Jesus lifted two fish and five small loaves of bread and fed five thousand people.

A Thanksgiving offering is included in this newsletter. A small offering, we lift to God with thankful hearts, will be multiplied to do great works in our community. Thanks be to God!

With gratitude,

Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

Celebrations



Congratulations! Grace Murphy and Lucas Hiltz were married on a rainy Saturday, October 21st in front of a small gathering of family

& friends. The ceremony took place on Owl's Head Mountain in Groton State Forest, Vermont. They will be known as Lucas & Grace HiltzMurphy and currently live in Providence, Rhode Island.



Congratulations to the Underwood Family! Brad Underwood and Laura Wilson Underwood are now parents of a brand new baby boy – Joshua – who was born October 16, 2023. All are doing well including big sister Isobel.

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.

Pastor Eun-Hye: Echoi@glenviewumc.org;
Office@glenviewumc.org; 847-729-1015

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

John Whitfield * Georgia Baker * Alice Ramos
Bob Deme * Sue Urban



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Consider taking out a new life insurance policy to benefit GUMC. When you name GUMC as owner and beneficiary, all premiums you pay will be considered tax deductible contributions. The death benefit will be paid to GUMC and could create a significant endowment for a cause of GUMC that you have selected.

Adventures with Beth and Greg

So when will the Christmas music start on WLIT 93.9? It's been a thing for Maddie and Spencer since they were little and in the Peterson house once Christmas music starts, all car radios must remain on 93.9 for the duration! Believe me, I've made the mistake of switching the station when I was out and forgetting to set it back to LIT FM then being lectured to by Maddie and/or Spencer (and Beth too!) for having the nerve to ruin the Christmas mojo by daring to listen to sports radio! Tis the season Dad!

Now that it's November all sights are set on the Christmas program which will be on Sunday, December 10th! We will start rehearsing on Sunday mornings in November. Please be sure to have your PreK through 12th graders join us on Sundays! There may be additional rehearsals needed as we get closer to December 10.



Dates to remember In November!

Sunday 11/5 Sunday School 10am
Confirmation (worship)
GUMYouth 4:30pm
Sunday 11/12 Sunday School 10am
Confirmation 10am
No GUMYouth
Sunday 11/19 Sunday School 10am
Confirmation 10am
GUMYouth 4:30pm
Sunday 11/26 Sunday School 10am
Confirmation 10am
No GUMYouth



As always please keep up to date with the latest most current information in the weekly church E-News and Beth's Weekend Update emails!

See you in Church!
Greg and Beth



Please remember to turn in your **2024 pledge card**. Extras are available at church on Sunday, or you can call the office and have one mailed to you. If you would like to set up automatic withdrawals from your checking or savings, please request a

banking form from the church office. Thank you!



On **All Saints Day**, we publicly remember and honor those who have passed away. Celebrated on the first Sunday in November, November 5, we will light candles, ring bells of remembrance, and call the names of those we lost in this past year as a way of honoring the impact their lives have had on us. If you have a loved one who passed away this year, please send their name to the church office to be included in the worship bulletin on November 5.

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Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service. Join in this Thanksgiving tradition in Glenview! People of faith from different traditions and denominations will join together to give thanks.

Tuesday, November 21 at 7:30

OLPH 1775 Grove Street

Glenview, IL 60025

Sponsored by The Glenview Clergy Association.

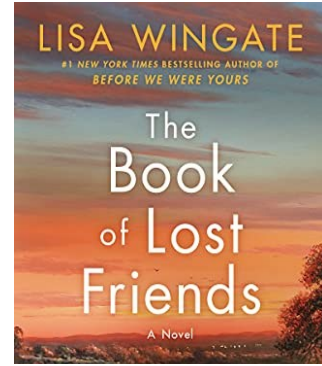


LEAVES ON TREES TURNING UMBER, AMBER, GOLD AND RED! Crisp breezes blowing! Children in costumes swarming gaping TRUNKS in search of TREATS! ... What's next???

The MITTENS AND MORE TREE! Yes, even as you read this, a 2023 M&M Tree is making its way to the GUMC sanctuary. Because trees move s-l-o-w-ly (so as not to startle humans) it will not arrive until November 18th. From that date until 12th Night M&M T will welcome your donations on behalf of our sister church, Olivet UMC for their neighbors and for new immigrants. For as we give thanks for our own blessings and head to and through the Advent-Christmas season, our thoughts and actions turn once again toward helping neighbors, near and far, stay warm through the coming winter. Our tree's branches, whether strong or spindly, will bravely present themselves to receive your generous gifts of knitted and stitched mittens, scarves, hats, gloves, coats, sweaters, socks, blankets, and more. -Missions & Service Ministry. Questions can be directed to Diana Berger (773-640-7812)

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!



Holiday Luncheon

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Belmont Village will be hosting us for a wonderful holiday luncheon. There will be no tours or solicitation for us to move there. The bus will be at church at 11 o'clock and will be able to take 12 people. The rest will need to drive **please respond by November 20** to either the church office or to myself Flo Labbe, 847-724-5165. You can leave a message there or you can email me at FLO23500@gmail.com.



Third Quarter -Mission Collections---

The "Coins & Singles" collections during the just completed 3rd quarter of 2023, which was design-

ated for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center, added up to \$1,854.46!

Also received were donations in support for the work of United Voices for Children, which totaled \$190.00.

Thank you all for your generosity to these agencies that do so much for others.

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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



First we give thanks, then we prepare ourselves for His arrival. If you are available to help with the hanging of the greens in the sanctuary, please contact Janet Ferrone. Please stay after

worship on 26th If you have any questions please contact the office or jferrone@glenviewumc.org, 847-729-1015.



Help beautify our sanctuary for Christmas. Order forms will be available soon. Watch for the forms in your Sunday Bulletin. Plants may be taken home after the 4:00 p.m. service on Christmas eve.



Friday, November 17th at 7pm;

Saturday, November 18th at 2pm and 7pm

Sunday, November 19th at 2pm

Ticket: Adults: \$12 - Children: \$10

All shows are held at Glenview United Methodist Church

Join the Bible study Wednesday

@ 10:00 a.m.

choir room or ZOOM. The Bible passages for the following Sunday will be discussed. Email Pastor Eun-Hye for the ZOOM link.

MOMS **DEMAND** **ACTION** **FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA**

Please join us for the Glenview and Northbrook Firearm Safety Town Hall Meeting focused

on gun violence prevention in our communities on **November 2nd at 7pm at Glenview United Methodist Church.** The evening is hosted by our local Glenview/Northbrook Moms Demand Action group and other community organizations and representatives.

The Town Hall Meeting aims to provide an open platform for residents, law enforcement, village officials, legislators, school officials, business owners, and experts to engage in constructive dialogue about firearm safety. We envision a space where community members can voice their concerns, ask questions, and collaboratively explore viable solutions to mitigate risks associated with firearms.

Panelists to include State Senator Laura Fine, State Senator Julie Morrison, State Representative Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz, Cook County Commissioner Scott Britton, Glenview Police Sgt. Joel Detloff, Family Service Center Executive Director Dr Renee Dominguez, Moms Demand Action Glenview/Northbrook Lead Dr Halleh Akbarnia, and local school representatives.

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
"Donate" Other"

Scan the QR code to buy now!



Loose Coins and Singles - Through 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 and click on “Loose Coins”, or you can mail a check to the church with “**Care for Real**” in the memo area.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

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



11/5 Derek Johnson

11/5 Heidi Ortiz

11/11 Michel Agriopoulos

11/11 Mikko Espino

11/11 Parleen Macwan

11/11 Jeremiah Rejuso

11/13 Vicky Ready

11/14 Damian Neuberger

11/14 Robin Woitesek

11/15 Anne Dierbeck

11/15 Ryan Granzow

11/15 Geary Larrick

11/15 Calvin Sailer

11/17 Cindy Berg

11/17 Judy Keenan

11/17 Veronica Gurjar

11/20 Taylor Woitesek

11/21 Elyse Martinsen

11/22 Tim Chorvat

11/22 Seth Mohr

11/23 Tyson Espino

11/25 Della Deme

11/25 Beckham Kowski

11/25 Doris Stengl

11/27 William Doherty

11/27 Haley Ferrone

11/27 Kathy Hurley-Chatfield

11/28 Caroline Berg

11/30 Sally Lankford

11/30 Kristin Davis

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

11/12 Sharon and Jim Gernady

11/17 Cindy and Dean Carlson

11/18 Christine and Steve Miskovic

11/20 Becky and Mark Netherland

11/25 Janet and Brian Conlin

11/29 Peggy and John Curkov

11/30 Julie and Bill Murphy

