

THE VISITOR

December, 2023



Advent News

Friends,

I am so proud of you! When I counted my gratitude for you this morning, I realized that my pride in you goes beyond my gratitude for you. Though we are a faith community, we are still an institution facing many challenges from both inside and out. During the Corona pandemic we held our breath hoping and thinking that once the pandemic ended, we would have gone back to normal state of church as before the pandemic. Yes, we are recovering but not fully yet. We are still missing and mourning the programs that once we had,

Ways to Grow

Advent Vespers (Evening Prayer)
Bible Study
Sunday Worship
Book Club

Ways to Play

Christmas Cafe
Bethany Terrace Lunch
GUMYouth Christmas Party

Ways to Serve

Mitten Tree
Food Pantry

IN MEMORIAM

John Whitfield passed away on October 20, 2023 after a brief illness. His family held an interment service for him on November 5, 2023.

He and his wife Marilyn were members since the mid 1960's and he did the printing of our Visitor and bulletin for many years.

*Please keep the Whitfield family in your prayers.
May God's love and grace comfort them.*

Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

Georgia Baker

Alice Ramos

Bob Deme

Pat Glass



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

Pastor Eun-Hye: Echoi@glenviewumc.org or

Office@glenviewumc.org

A note to you!

Thank you for all the cards, calls & visits I received as I recovered from my recent surgery! The support and get-well wishes were greatly appreciated.

~ Susan Urban

Bakers Needed For the UWF Cookie Sale

Please consider baking a few extra dozen of your favorite cookie. Cookies are due in the kitchen by Saturday, December 9 at 10 a.m. Any questions, please call the church office. Please label your donations if they contain nuts.



OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you'd like a box of 2024 offering envelopes, please call or stop by the church office.



Grazie Curtis Corbige, and all those who helped to make an *Evening in Venice* a success!

The authentic Primi, Secondi and Dolci were
delizioso!

The families and friends of GUMC had a great
time!

January Book Club Discussion:

Giovanni's Room

by James Baldwin

January 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Giovanni's Room weaves a narrative of the human condition that resonates with each generation. The idea that life is a combination of nature, nurture, or circumstance punctuated by personal choices fuels the character's journey. The narrative set in France gives the book an exotic European feel for the fugitive characters finding life resolutions and peace.

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!

Advent News Continued...

the people who filled our sanctuary, the volunteer leaders and staff members who once led the church, and the building we once freely accessed without security concerns. We have been experiencing change after change and you prove your resilience, faithfulness, and open mind. Whenever we went through another new change, I was worried, but you proved that I was wrong. I now see that we put our small steps forward new excitement, joy, and celebration.

With our new director of music ministries, Cindy Applebee, our worship experience is getting richer and deeper. We also begin to see new collaborations and synergies happening in the leadership and among programs, ministries, and fellowship gatherings.

The season of Advent and Christmas is upon us, and we are excited. With the Hanging of the Greens on November 26 and Holiday Café on December 2, we will enter the Advent season. Please look at the Advent/Christmas calendar carefully which is included here. Advent is the season we awake to the coming Messiah to love and serve our God and neighbors, and to live more joyfully and faithfully in this world that God gave God's only Son. Thanks be to God!

With gratitude,
Eun-Hye Choi, pastor



The first Friday of each month, at 7pm, FUMC Park Ridge will host a peace vigil for all who want to attend. It is scheduled to be 45 minutes long, and will include prayer, silence, readings, songs, chants, and an opportunity to share with others. Please come! If you have any questions, talk to Pastor Bob. Rev. Dr. Bob Campbell is a retired clergy and serves at FUMC. The group meets during the first Friday evening of the month at 7:00 PM in First UMC's Parlor. The next gathering is on Friday, Dec 1st. 408 Grant Place, Park Ridge, IL 60068.



GUMC CHOIRMIX



December 2023

The Sanctuary Choir members focus on Paul's reminder in Colossians to "Sing psalms and hymns and spirituals songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God." The talented and dedicated choir is rehearsing weekly on Wednesday evenings. The group is committed to singing each Sunday during worship. We have had a busy fall season and we are preparing advent and Christmas worship music.

December reminders include weekly Wednesday rehearsals - 7 – 9 p.m., Sunday morning service preparation - 9 a.m., Sunday service - 10 a.m., Saturday, December 2nd optional coffee house participation 6-8 p.m., December 10th Intergenerational Christmas Program "The Polar Express" - 10 a.m., The Schram Chapel service Thursday, December 14th - 7:00 p.m., Caroling to elder care facilities Sunday, December 17th - 12 – 2 p.m. (bring a sack lunch to eat after worship), Christmas Eve service, 4 p.m.

Please remember to sign up for rehearsals or services that you are unable to attend. The calendar is hanging on the cabinet in the choir room. Thank you for the talent, cheer, dedication, and outpouring of God's love we each share. Reminder: No rehearsal Wednesday, December 27th.

Scott is guiding and directing our email communications. If a choir member is not receiving the emails, please let Scott know.

In God's love and grace,

Cindy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

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

12/2 Samual Phillips	12/3 Ellie Ventura	12/4 Emily Ortiz
12/6 Trent Houdek	12/6 John Losquadro	12/6 Ismael Rejuso
12/7 Katie Jones	12/8 Lynn Heniken 1	2/8 Sharlene Willoughby
12/9 Greg Peterson	12/10 David Duback 1	2/11 Merrick Kehoe
12/14 Maeve Doherty	12/14 Lauren Ellis	12/14 Rebecca Gedmin
12/16 Richard Espino	12/16 Wanda Frye	12/16 Savannah Jones
12/17 Jessica Vassallo	12/18 Cindy Applebee	12/18 Brielle Doherty
12/18 Gregory Furch	12/22 Holly Field	12/23 Marianne Brackey
12/24 JoAnn Minear	12/26 Holly Porrett	12/26 Maricar Ramos
12/29 Ryan Tagtmeier	12/30 Diana Berger	12/30 Drew Stryker

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12/7 Linda and David Vassallo	12/23 Sarane and Bruce Siewerth
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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. Any questions please contact Flo Labbe, 847-724-5165. You can leave a message there or you can email

FLO 23500@gmail.com.

Northfield Township Food Pantry,
2550 Waukegan Road: 100 list of current needs:

Coffee/tea
Juice or juice boxes (100% juice preferred)
Pancake mix
Snacks (granola bars, pretzels, mixed nuts)
Canned fruit Ramen
Rice mixes (eg> Ben's or Zatarain's)

"Advent"ures with Beth and Greg

Christmas music has been on our radios since the first week of November, but that was just the warm up to December! Yep, the hustle and bustle has kicked into high gear as we put the finishing touches on our Intergenerational Christmas Program on Sunday December 10th!

We can't wait to show you the capstone event of the year! The kids (of all ages!) have been rehearsing since early November, now it's time to share our Christmas message with GUMC! You will not want to miss it! (Details to follow on a possible dress rehearsal on Saturday December 9th time tbd)

Our GUMYouth Christmas Party for all our 6th through 12th graders is on the calendar for Saturday December 16th! Last year's party was such a blast that we couldn't wait for this Christmas to get here! We have a fun evening planned with caroling, and a ton of FFG! (Fun, Food and Games!). Mark your calendars and make sure to join us!

We are working with Raise Right Fundraising to help raise money for our summer youth missions work. We would love your help and participation in this program!

- Please go to www.RaiseRight.com for Glenview United Methodist Youth! You can use our group Enrollment code **BFIMMWN7522F**
- Download the RaiseRight app or visit RaiseRight.com and sign into your account.
- Select the gift cards and amounts you want to purchase.
- Add them to your cart.
- Check out using your credit card or a linked bank account.
- Go to your Wallet to view and use your eGift cards at the retailers within moments.

There are hundreds of online gift cards you can choose from to use not only for your holiday purchases but also for your year round everyday purchases! You can download the app as well! When you purchase gift cards we will get a percentage of each one you purchase. Example, you're planning to go do some Christmas shopping at Target..you can purchase the amount you are planning on spending and help our Youth with each purchase you make! You can also share this with family and friends that might want to help our youth as well..just share our code with them! Thank you in advance for your ongoing support of all of our Family Ministries programs!

See you in Church!
Peace
Greg and Beth

**GLENVIEW CLERGY ASSOCIATION
GLENVIEW, ILLINOIS**

STATEMENT ON THE CRISIS IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6)

We, the undersigned members of the Glenview Clergy Association, recognize that no public statement is adequate to address the tragic situation in Israel and Palestine. However, as leaders within the Abrahamic Faiths, we wish to express our empathy and solidarity with those who are heartbroken and outraged. As religious leaders, we recognize that God is the Giver of life and that every human being is a person of sacred worth. Therefore, we categorically condemn the killing of Israeli and Palestinian civilians. We affirm the human rights of all people be they Israeli or Palestinian. Therefore, we condemn the taking of Israeli hostages by Hamas.

We affirm Israel's right to defend itself, yet we also condemn the retaliatory violence that has severely impacted Palestinian civilians living in Gaza. Therefore, we urge the Israeli and Egyptian governments to allow desperately needed supplies into Gaza and to allow innocent civilians to safely leave Gaza to seek refuge in Egypt under United Nations supervision.

We are alarmed at the domestic and global rise of antisemitism and Islamophobia associated with this crisis. Therefore, we unreservedly condemn any form of antisemitic or Islamophobic expression, action, or violence. The crisis in Israel and Palestine reminds us that we cannot indulge in dehumanizing others. Even in the midst of unimaginable loss, we must allow for grief and mourning. We must also struggle to defend the dignity of all people.

As religious leaders, we strive to put into practice the moral courage that grounds all of our faith traditions. We are committed to doing all we can to exchange fear for compassion, hatred for sympathy, apathy for commitment, and arrogance for humility wherever we find these moral demands.

We call upon all people of goodwill to pray for peace in the Holy Land and its peoples.

November 8, 2023

Rev. Elmo K. Acton, Assistant Pastor, Glenview New Church

Rev. Fr. Richard Andrews, Protopresbyter, Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, Glenview

Rev. Jeremiah Boland, Pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Glenview

Very Rev. Dennis C. Callan, SVD, Superior Delegate, North American Provinces, Society of the Divine Word

Rev. Eun-Hye Choi, Pastor, Glenview United Methodist Church

Rabbi Steve Hart, Jewish Faith Leader, Children of Abraham Coalition

Rabbi-Cantor Nancy Landsman, Congregation Avahat Olam, Glenview

Rev. Isaac Lara, Pastor, St. Catherine Labouré Catholic Parish, Glenview

Pastor Abigail Lutz, Pastoral Resident, Glenview Community Church

Rev. Dr. James M. Matarazzo, Jr., Senior Minister, Glenview Community Church

Dr. Shirley Paulson, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Glenview

Rev. Mark Pendleton, Senior Pastor, Glenview New Church

Rev. Paul Peterson, Interim Pastor, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Glenview



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Worship with Carols & Candlelight - 4:00
p.m. He is Born!

Candlelight service with Christmas music,
prayers, readings, and the skit "Road to
Bethlehem"

All are invited to worship together with
candlelight and to enter into the holiness of
the birth of Jesus Christ in a style that is
meaningful to all ages. Join in this most
joyous celebration in our Christian life.
Christ is born!

