

January, 2024

# *Glenview United Methodist Church*

# THE VISITOR



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## *From the pastor*

Friends,

What an amazing year we had this year at Glenview UMC! We finally came out of the long tunnel of the pandemic and restored old programs and added new ones. In the beginning of this year, we set our new core values: Connecting with Others Through Mission, Music, and (discipleship) Ministries. Pursuing these core values, we experienced that mission outreaches, music, and discipleship ministries (including children and youth ministries) overlapped and could create synergies. I deeply appreciate the wonderful works of our leaders and volunteers in these core value areas.

It has been an amazing year for our building and facilities. So many delayed projects have been done, including the new roof of Social Hall entrance, repairing the flat roof, improved security system for the children and teachers whom we house, new air conditioning system and the new garage floor of the parsonage, kitchen fire suspension, a new light pole in the south parking lot, and many many more. I deeply appreciate the time, talents, and gifts that our trustees and volunteers put into these projects.

As the whole world does, our church has experienced many changes and challenges this year. Every change is new as the nature of any change is, and whenever we had setbacks, we wondered where we were and why and how we got there. However, we have trusted God and trusted everyone's love and dedication for the church. We sometimes cried and sometimes laughed together at worship services, committee meetings, fellowship hours, or study groups. We showed ourselves that we were resilient people. I deeply appreciate your love for God, your neighbors, and your church.

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Have a lovely  
Christmas!  
Rob & Bonnie Frame

Our best to you  
this holiday season!  
Helen Jo & Steve Ellis

Peace to all  
make your  
merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas  
and happy new year!  
Edwin & Mike Liburdy

Happy Holidays  
Pats & Bobbie

Merry Christmas  
& Happy New  
Year!!  
Tim

Christmas  
Blessings  
Mark, Becky  
&  
Henry  
Netherland

Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year.  
Love,  
The Daniels

I wish you all a  
Blessed Christmas Season  
and a New Year filled with  
Joy!!  
Joy, Davis Steng

Peace, Joy  
& Love  
Ann & Jim

Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year  
to our Church Family!  
Love  
The Dubacks

Merric Gule  
and a Hosty Toast  
of Turkey Mittens  
to you all  
- Diana Berger

Merry C  
to all  
friends  
cheer  
&  
love

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+  
C

Have a wonderful  
holiday!  
Bill & Julie Murphy

Merry  
Christ  
Gail & Bob

Merry  
X-mas  
OReads



Happy Christmas  
one & all!  
Jan Jeffery

Very Merry  
Christmas  
and Good Health  
for the New Year!  
Eunanne

Joyous Noël!  
Jones, Mrs  
Pitts

Many wishes to our  
wonderful church  
community. The  
Sankford family has been  
blessed to be part of it  
Merry Christmas to all &

Joyful Noel  
Mabel Agnew

Merry Christmas  
and a blessed New Year!  
-The Cummings

Christmas  
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to at  
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re you!  
n & Bob

Merry Christmas  
all!  
Mary + Lydia Larrick

Merry Christmas  
Love, Linda & Peter

Merry Christmas,  
Church! The Hutchins

Peace & Joy  
Ethel

Merry Christmas  
& Blessed New Year  
to you & your family  
Alison, Vernon &  
& Paileen

Merry Christmas  
and Blessings to  
you & your family  
in 2024!  
The Petersens

Has!  
Liz

Merry Christmas to  
An All!!  
Eun-Hye

*FROM THE PASTOR CONT....*

This year we accepted 10 new members, including two confirmands, and baptized four children and two adults. Children and youth ministries are growing more active, and caring ministries for refugees, the sick, the lonely, and the dying are always on our frontline of prayers, visits, and concerns. This year's average in person worship attendance is 91 and average on-line worship attendance is about 20. These numbers show that we are slowly but steadily recovering from the pandemic. New visitors visit our church and experience the warmth and sincerity of our faith community. I deeply appreciate any of you who shake visitors' hands, ask their names, show the nursery, the parlor and Sunday School rooms and encourage them to come back.

We make Glenview UMC our faith community because we see and experience hope, faith, and love here. Let's keep running the course of our faith with friends of GUMC! Thanks be to God!

With gratitude,  
Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

**NEW**

### **Basics of Christianity and United Methodism**

You may be a long-time member of a United Methodist Church, or you may be new to the UMC. I believe both longtime members and new members (or visitors) sometimes wonder how the Christian church was started in the beginning and how we became Methodists. You may also wonder what it means to be a United Methodist and what Glenview UMC stands for among the many Christian churches in our community. You may wonder about the recent split of the United Methodist Church. If you wonder these things, I want to invite you to the new class, **"Basics of Christianity and United Methodism, including Glenview UMC."** We will have four classes via zoom starting on January 18 (Thursday) at 7pm.

Please contact me at [echoi@glenviewumc.org](mailto:echoi@glenviewumc.org) or church office at [office@glenviewumc.org](mailto:office@glenviewumc.org) to get the zoom link. If you know someone wondering about these topics, please feel free to invite them, also.

#### **TOPICS**

1. The History of Christianity and Methodism (January 18 at 7pm)
2. The Theologies, politics, and structures of UMC, including repeated splits and merges of Methodism (January 25 at 7pm)
3. The History, politics, and beliefs of Glenview UMC
4. The Ministries and People of the Glenview UMC

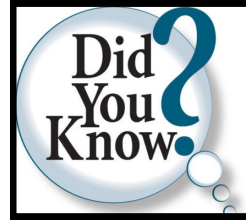
**Let us remember the following  
members in our prayers.**

Alice Ramos   Barb Galarza  
Bob Deme   Greg Furch  
Susan and David Slaght  
Juanita Smith   TJ Lankford



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)



Your gifts to Glenview  
United Methodist are a  
testimony to your faith  
and the confidence you  
have in GUMC. Both lifetime gifts and testa-  
mentary (given through your will) gifts ex-  
press your feelings in a meaningful way.



**Loose Coins and Singles**

**Loose coins and singles in the offering plate will be donated to:**

**WORLD RELIEF**

Today there are over 80 million people around the globe who have been forced, or made the painful choice, to leave their home. Threatened by extreme poverty, violence, or oppression, they leave behind everything familiar to seek a life free from fear. World Relief

is a global Christian humanitarian organization that brings sustainable solutions to help these people. They partner with 6,000 local churches and community leaders in the United States and abroad to bring hope, healing and transformation to the most vulnerable. For more information go to [worldrelief.org](http://worldrelief.org).

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 "Loose Coins" in the memo area.

**COOKIE NEWS**

The Women in Faith annual Cookie Walk on Sunday, December 10 was a great success. They raised \$550.00. Thank you to all who baked and all those who bought cookies – we couldn't do it without you!

**TAXES 2023**

All donations to the church for the year 2023 must be dated December 31, 2023 and in the church office by Jan. 8, 2024. Thank you!



The 2024 Pets of GUMC Calendar are now available for purchase on Sundays during coffee fellowship or in the church office Monday through Thursday 10 AM to 2 PM. The suggested donation of \$10 is appreciated. The funds raised from this event will support coffee fellowship throughout the year on Sundays when there are no volunteers. Thank you for your support.



January Book Club Discussion:  
Giovanni's Room  
by James Baldwin  
January 9 at 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!

# Adventures with Beth and Greg

Before we move ahead, we would be remiss to not have one last hurrah and **Thank You** to everyone that was involved with the Intergenerational Christmas Program! To all the narrators/singers/dancers/bell ringers/instrumentalists/technical support, **Thank You!** To everyone who joined us in worship that morning, whether in person or online, thank you for being with us! It really was a morning of inspiration that will not be forgotten!

Now we can move ahead with Happy New Year! Beth and I would like to wish all of our children and youth families a blessed 2024! We return to our classrooms on **Sunday, January 7**, following a two week winter break. Beth and I invite all parents of our 6th through 12th graders to a **planning meeting** immediately after the worship service on the 7th. We need your input as we plan for the second half of our program year and the summer. So bring your family calendars, we promise to respect your time and try to keep it as brief as possible.

So to wrap things up here's what you need to know:

Sunday January 7th at 10am ALL CHILDREN'S EDUCATION CLASSES RESUME (both Sunday School and Confirmation).

Also, on Sunday, January 7th at 11am is our Family Planning Meeting for parents of 6th through 12th graders. We will meet in the Sunday School classrooms located in the Social Hall.

GUMYouth will resume activities on Sunday January 14th.

As always please continue to read both the GUMC Church E-News and Beth's Weekend Updates for all the most up to date information.

See you in Church!  
Peace  
Greg and Beth

## GUMC CHOIR NEWS



Thank you to each member of the Sanctuary Choir for talent, dedication, patience, time, and focus during the month of December. We sang to the glory of the Christ Child Season participating at the Schram Chapel, worship services, The Intergenerational Christmas Program (oh the talent of the GUMC YOUTH!), caroling, "fellowshipping", Christmas Eve and many rehearsals.

January will bring continued light to the choir as we sing about the joy and light of the Epiphany season. We will sing January 7th "Come As You Are" as we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. January 14th we will welcome youth to sing during our anthem. January 28th we celebrate our Women In Worship here at GUMC.

Thank you for the soloists, the email keepers, the music pile fixer, the organizer, the donut/coffee savior, the smiles and much more. You know who you are - I know who you are - and most of all we do it together in Glory and Praise to God.

God bless you all!

Cindy

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



1/1 Creed Kowski  
1/7 Jim Gernady  
1/10 Korey Holzhuetter  
1/12 Judy Neuberger  
1/18 Julie Radman  
1/21 Howard Tweddle, III  
1/27 Grace Murphy  
1/31 Melanie Cummings

1/1 Joanne Richter  
1/8 Barbara Cordell  
1/11 Ken Welter  
1/14 Renelle Agriopoulos  
1/19 Cathy Stryker  
1/22 Jacob Risley  
1/29 Barb Galarza

1/5 Samantha Welter  
1/9 Fulton Vasquez  
1/12 Pat Glass  
1/16 Ethel Doyle  
1/19 David Randle  
1/25 Amber Potter  
1/29 Sarane Siewerth

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1/18 Judy and Damian Neuberger  
1/22 Joanne and Larry Brand



**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service: Monday, January 15, 2024**

**10:00 AM 8:45 PM**

First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights

1903 East Euclid Avenue, Arlington Heights, IL,

FUMCAH will be hosting a service day on Monday, January 15, 2023 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Hope you'll consider making the 15th a "day on, versus a day off"! Anyone in the community is welcomed to join us!

We'll be gathering for a short worship service at 10 AM at the church. Following the service, we'll have a number of family-friendly projects in the Fellowship Hall including things such as making Linus Blankets, dog biscuits for a shelter, placemats for Meals on Wheels, sandwiches for The Night Ministry and more!

You may also opt to serve at two other locations: Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg from 4:30-6:15 PM or 7-8:45 PM (ages 5 and up) or Bernie's Book Bank in Lake Bluff from 1-3 PM

The Sign Up Genius registration for this will begin Dec. 26.

<https://www.fumcah.com/events/martin-luther-king-jr-day-of-service>

**Invitation to Become a GUMC Ambassador!**

The Ministry of Membership Engagement is actively exploring ways to elevate the visitor experience at Glenview United Methodist Church. When guests come to worship at our church, it is important that they sense a warm welcome, feel at ease, and perceive our church as the most welcoming in Glenview!

We propose the establishment of a group of devoted members who will take on the role of "Ambassadors" for Glenview United Methodist Church. While attending services on Sunday mornings, these members will keep a watchful eye out for visitors to ensure they experience a welcoming atmosphere and serve as a resource to address any inquiries they may have regarding our programs and opportunities.

The only prerequisites for joining this group are regular attendance at church and an enthusiasm for meeting and engaging with new people. This promises to be a delightful way to kickstart your day while simultaneously contributing to the well-being of our Church!

If you are interested in becoming a part of this initiative and being a welcoming presence for our church, please reach out to the church office by Tuesday, January 16, 2023.

We extend our gratitude to everyone for your dedication and support of Glenview United Methodist Church!

Scott Daniels

The Ministry of Membership Engagement and Outreach



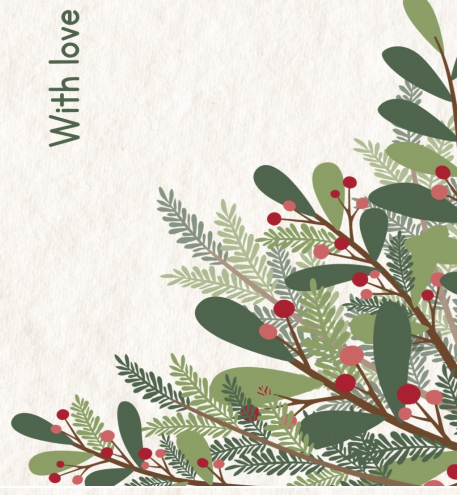


As the holiday season wraps up, we want to  
take a moment to express our heartfelt  
wishes for you.

We hope your Christmas was filled with the  
warmth of love, the joy of cherished  
moments, and the blessings of good health  
and happiness.

Here's to celebrating the magic of the  
season together. Wishing you a Merry  
Christmas and a New Year full of health,  
happiness and wonderful adventures.

With love and warmest wishes,  
The Staff at GUMC!







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**GOOD TIMES**

INTERESTED IN  
COMPETING WITH  
YOUR FAVORITE CHILI  
RECIPE?

Watch for the sign-up  
at church or call the  
office.

**AWARDS WILL BE  
GIVEN FOR:**

HOTTEST CHILI

BEST PRESENTATION

MOST ORIGINAL

BEST OVERALL.

