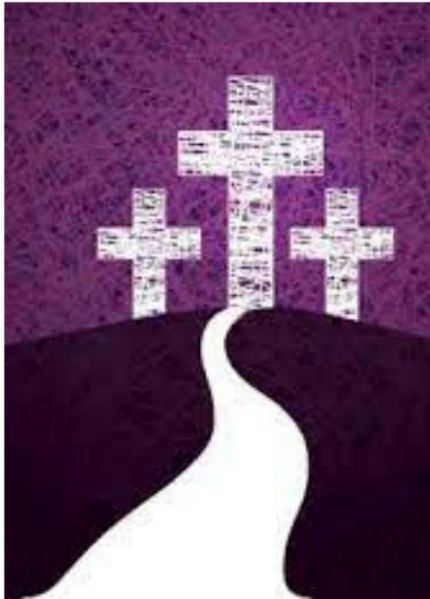


February, 2024

Glenview United Methodist Church

THE VISITOR



From the pastor

Dear friends,

I can't believe that it is February 2024! I came to Glenview UMC in July 2018 and time has flown so fast since then. I am thankful that I have gotten to know you individually and as a faith community over time. But I wonder how deeply I know you and how deeply I have been known by you. To know is to love and it takes some intentional effort. My new year resolution is to know you better individually and to let you know me more.

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I am now reading the book, *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen*, by David Brooks. He repeatedly says that getting to know other human beings deeply is not just a good thing, but an ethical and moral thing to do and we need to learn the skills to do it. It reminds me of our core values. The core value of Glenview UMC is connecting; connecting with Jesus, connecting with others, and connecting with each other. I believe that at the end of day, what we have is the relationships that we have cherished and nurtured.

In this new year our focus will be on connecting. The Membership Engagement team is developing an ambassador project and planning some social gatherings. Please read about them in this newsletter and support them. During the Lenten season we will have Soup and Substance gatherings around the topic of connecting and getting to know each other. Please come to the Lenten gatherings and enrich your relationships with others.

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I hope you know that you can connect with me any time to talk to and to pray with via email at echoi@glenviewumc.org or phone at 847-525-2761 or stop by my office. I hope this year will be the time to get to know each other deeply! Thanks be to God!

With gratitude

Eun-Hye Choi, pastor



Lenten Series: Soup and Substance

Make connections with others during Lent as we share a meal and great conversation. Our tradition of "Lenten Soup and Substance" will start on February 21 (Wednesday) at 6pm for one hour. We will enjoy a different delicious soup each week prepared by chef Linda Kleckner. The theme will be "connecting" based on the book, *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen*, by David Brooks. The presenter will summarize a new topic each week. You don't need to buy the book. Just come with friends or neighbors. If you would like to pre-

sent one Wednesday, or have any questions, contact the church office at office@glenviewumc.org.

Our church is anchored in three core values: connecting with Jesus, our community, and each other. Our Ambassadors play a pivotal role in embodying and extending the mission of Glenview United Methodist Church to new and potential members. They are dedicated to creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for guests at church services and various functions.

Key responsibilities of our ambassadors include:

- Regularly attending in-person services at GUMC.
- Actively reaching out to guests during church services and events to ensure they have a welcoming experience and addressing any questions they may have.
- Receiving guest contact information for recording and follow-up purposes.
- Providing guests with name tags and any necessary information to enhance their overall experience.

If you are ready to represent our Church and say "YES!" to becoming an Ambassador of the Glenview United Methodist Church, please contact the church office.



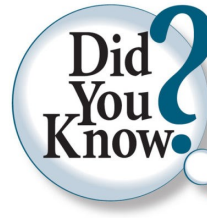
**Let us remember the following
members in our prayers.**

Alice Ramos
Jun Ramos
Bob Deme



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

Pastor Eun-Hye: Echoi@glenviewumc.org or
Office@glenviewumc.org



Have you received an inheritance? If so, consider gifting part of the inheritance to Glenview United Methodist Church in memory of the loved one who remembered you. You can make this gift now or in your estate plan.



Loose Coins and Singles

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

WORLD RELIEF

Please see the insert on World Relief in this month's Visitor, or for more information go to worldrelief.org.

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" in the memo area.

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TUTOR

Tutoring Opportunity in Glenview!

If you or someone you know is interested in being volunteer tutors with kids, mostly immigrant children, in the after school club once a week (or any other time ??), contact Reyna Celedonio. rceledonio@wr.org. The program is sponsored by World Relief.

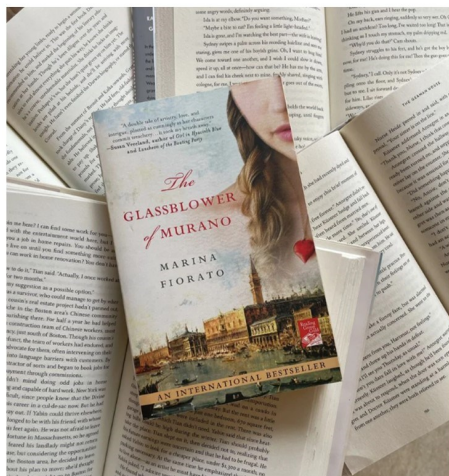
Wednesdays from 4-5pm starting January 17th
Willowcreek Community Northshore
2200 Shermer Rd., Glenview, IL 60026

SUNDAY NEWS

ATTENTION!

The building entrance doors on Sunday morning are open at 8am and locked at 10:15am once people come in - for safety reasons. Thank you for your understanding. The ushers will be keeping watch to let you in if you're running late.

From the Board of Trustees of the GUMC.



February Book Club Selection

Discussion:
February 6
7:00 p.m.
Via ZOOM

GLASS BLOWER OF MURANO

by Marina Fiorato

Venice, 1681. Glassblowing is the lifeblood of the Republic, and Venetian mirrors are more precious than gold. Jealously guarded by the murderous Council of Ten, the glassblowers of Murano are virtually imprisoned on their island in the lagoon. But the greatest of the artists, Corradino Manin, sells his methods and his soul to the Sun King, Louis XIV of France, to protect his secret daughter. In the present day his descendant, Leonora Manin, leaves an unhappy life in London to begin a new one as a glassblower in Venice. As she finds new life and love in her adoptive city, her fate becomes inextricably linked with that of her ancestor and the treacherous secrets of his life begin to come to light.

Want to jump ahead to March? Feel free to grab the March Book Club title: *The Book of Charlie* by David Von Drehle. Discussion is March 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Join Us on February 22 at 6PM for a Social Event

On Thursday, February 22 at 6PM, there will be a wine tasting event for GUMC members, hosted by our local business, Chicago Wine, located at 1047 Waukegan Road in Glenview. Chicago Wine will provide a variety of wines for members to taste. Admission will be \$10 per person to cover a selection of light snacks. Sign up in the Church Office in person or email the Church Office by Sunday, February 18, 2024. See you there!



Scott Daniels, Ministry of Member Engagement

Rummage Sale

The GUMC Rummage Sale is LIVE

April 12th & 13th!

We need your donations and your time – please start saving and mark your calendar.



Thank you to all the volunteers who made the rummage sale in 2023 a success!

Let's do it again! April 12th & 13th!

Choir : Joys

The Gratitude of Joy in worship has led the Sanctuary Choir through January. Members prepare for worship by rehearsing each Wednesday evening and Sunday morning. We have begun adding an introit to worship this month and we will continue throughout February.

Interested in adding guitar or any instrument to the praise introit? Please speak with me or any choir member. We need you and welcome you!

February 11th we will celebrate in Marci Gras style along with the congregation! Join in the fellowship of worship as we lift this day in praise.

During lent, the choir will begin worship with Taize interactive Introits. These contemplative worship texts will prepare our hearts and minds for service each week.

*I will wash my hands in innocence
so that I may process around your altar, Lord,
To hear the sound of thanksgiving,
and recount all your wondrous deeds.
Lord, I love the refuge of your house,
the site of the dwelling-place of your glory." — Psalm 26:6-8*

Cindy Applebee
Director of Music

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

2/2 Claire Cummings	2/2 Leigh Dierbeck	2/2 Sally Villaflor
2/3 Cindy Carlson	2/4 Avery Ellis	2/4 Olivia Rowlands
2/6 Tom Johnson	2/9 Bill Forman	2/12 Ben Campbell
2/12 Vince Curkov	2/13 Sue Acer	2/13 Lauren Locke
2/14 Maya Depies	2/14 Matthew Holzhuetter	2/15 Troy Conlin
2/16 Anna Ortiz	2/17 Nick Depies	2/18 Emerine Cummings
2/20 Matthew Chorvat	2/20 Luke Ferri	2/22 Nolan Tagtmeier
2/24 Tim Lankford	2/24 Darlie Rejuso	2/25 Chris Ferrone
2/26 Leslie Schroeder	2/28 Sue Schnackenberg	

No Anniversaries this month.



Thank you from Olivet UMC!

Dear Rev. Choi and Glenview Family,

Happy New Year! We pray that this message finds you with hope and joy for this new year.



We all at Olivet wish to express gratitude for your continued generous support throughout the holiday season. Your donations of Christmas gifts as well as hats, gloves and mittens for our youth were a true blessing. The joy and excitement they have when getting to pick out their gifts and winter gear is always a joy to watch. The children and their families are so thankful.

Your continued support is unwavering over the years.

I've been here going on 4 years and I understand your support has been way longer than that from the Congregation, Ministry Team/Committees, and Individuals who give on a personal level and never ask for anything in return.

We pray that the holiday season was rejuvenating as we prepare for this new year. We continue to hold your community in our prayers!

In the peace of Christ,

Pastor Nicholas Joyner & Olivet Family

Altar Ministry

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ALTAR MINISTRY: This lay ministry ensures the Sanctuary is a holy place and is in service to God by preparing the Sanctuary for worship. If you would like to be part of this ministry team, please contact the Church Office. Training will be provided and you will work with the current volunteers for preparing communion and baptism, taking care of candles, changing banners and paraments accordingly, and/or preparing the altar according to liturgical seasons. If you would like to be part of this ministry team, please contact the Church Office.

Adventures with Beth and Greg

Check the box! We made it through January and about a week long polar vortex! Now we just gotta get through these 28...nope 29 days of February and we'll officially be on the other side of winter! But before we look in the rear view mirror on January, Beth and I would like to thank everyone involved for yet another fantastic Chili Cook Off! A huge thank you to our Chili Chefs, we could not have done it without you! To all of you that came to worship with visions of chili tasting dancing in your collective heads then making your way to the Social Hall and buying your spoon and digging in - We thank you for your generosity for our GUMYouth programs. And finally thanks to Michel and Augustine and Janet and all of our GUMYouth that helped with communication and set up and counting votes and take down, you are our unsung heroes! We do not have a grand total raised as of this writing, but we know that this event is more than just a fundraiser for GUMYouth, it's about our community coming together for fun and fellowship! We hope you all had fun!

As we turn our sights to February here are a few dates to get on your calendars...

Sunday February 11th is our annual **Souper Bowl of Caring** collection for the Northfield Township Food Pantry. Please bring your cash or check (payable to Northfield Township Food Pantry) donations or non perishable food items to church. Our GUMYouth will deliver everything collected to the food pantry.



Also on Sunday February 11th is **Mardi Gras Sunday**. Jazz Music during worship (you might recognize the drummer!) with a special fellowship time immediately following.

Wednesday February 14th is **Ash Wednesday**. Confirmation students will meet 1 hour before the service for class then attend the service together.

Finally, our GUMYouth helped to get our seeds planted which will then be used in our GUMYGardens which will provide fresh produce all summer for the food pantry. We'll also be holding a plant sale to help raise money for GUMYouth. Plants will be \$5 each and you'll have your choice of to-matoes and peppers and flowers too! Date of sale tbd and to be held this spring.



And that's a wrap!
See you in Church!
Peace
Greg and Beth

***How World Relief Gets Their Immigrants and Refugees
for Visitor– February 2024***

You've heard in worship and mission reports about World Relief and all it does for migrants and asylum seekers coming to the U.S. Have you wondered how World Relief links to those refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers? Around the country and in Chicago they connect in three ways:

- 1) The U.S. State Department notifies World Relief that a person (or people) will arrive in Chicago on a particular date and time. From there World Relief meets the new-comers – usually at the airport – and begins their normal protocol of services.
- 2) Refugees come on humanitarian grounds often from Afghanistan or Ukraine. They are usually sponsored by an individual or a group such as a church. But World Relief remains connected and involved with the refugees and immigrants and their sponsors.
- 3) Migrants just arrive in Chicago from the southern border on busses or an occasional plane. City case managers invite World Relief to go to the shelter or wherever migrants / asylum seekers are “living” to do an intake assessment to understand their case and begin to meet their needs. World Relief then begins their protocol for housing and meeting other needs to get the newly arrived safely settled.

For asylum seekers who require legal aid World Relief assesses their case, connects them to the World Relief Legal Clinic and goes with them to a hearing.

Indeed, World Relief does a lot! But how many people do they serve in the greater Chicago area from their three offices?

In 2013 they served 3,000 people. In 2023 they served 8,500 migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. Chicago has received 27,000 asylum seekers and migrants from the U.S. southern border. World Relief is more than busy serving the immigrants and creating partnerships with the city and churches, individuals, and other organizations to meet the needs of so many in this incredible crisis.

We all saw on television the thousands trying to flee Afghanistan. Those who made it to the U.S. were often met by World Relief. We saw on the TV news the Ukrainian families – often only the women and children – trying to escape the warring invasion from Russia. Those who came to the U.S. were frequently met by World Relief and many connected to the large Ukrainian community in Chicago and the suburbs.

The numbers of people served by World Relief are staggering. Now with the new war in Gaza, we can only wonder what is happening in our world. We offer a prayer of thanks to God that World Relief exists and serves, that it partners with us of Glenview United Methodist church to make a difference to a few of the 27,000 migrants and asylum seekers escaping terrors we could not even imagine who are dropped on our Chicagoland doorstep.

*The little boy stands on the beach covered with starfish washed up and left to die.
He bends over and throws one starfish after another back into the ocean.*

“There are too many starfish to save. You can’t take rescue them all,” says the skeptic.

“No, but I can make a difference for the ones I throw back in their water.”

Rev. Marilyn Robb – from the Mission Committee



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**MARDI GRAS
SUNDAY**

*Spiritual Worship
Great Music
Delicious Fellowship*

February 11

10:00 WORSHIP
11:00 CELEBRATION

Join us for our last hurrah before Lent!



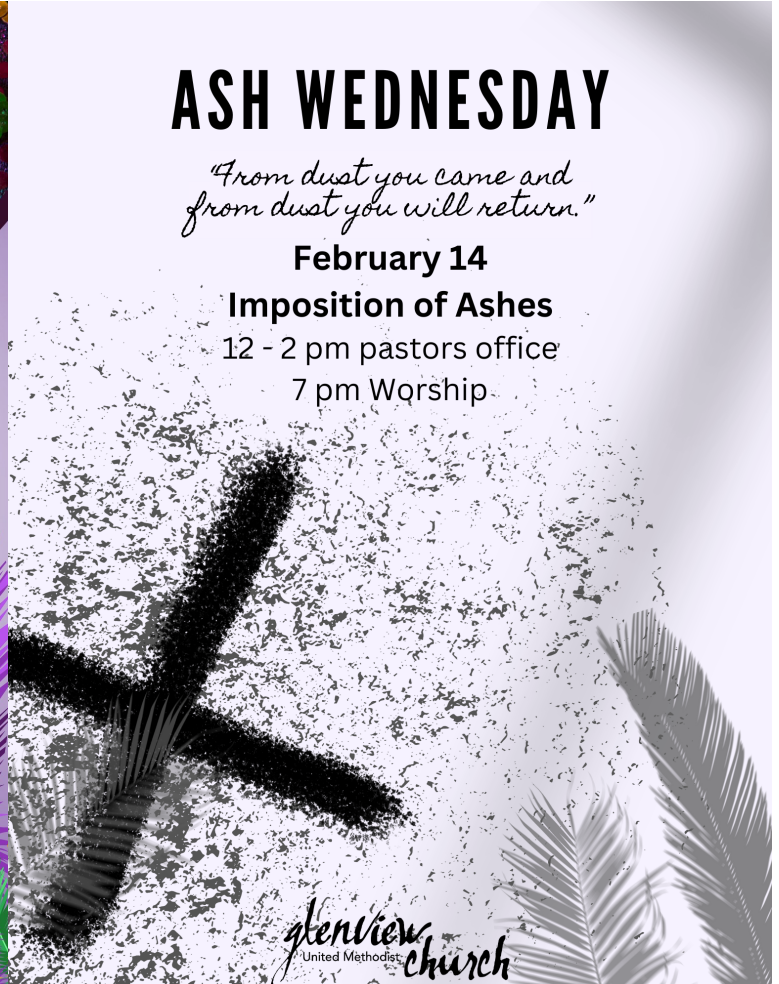
ASH WEDNESDAY

*"From dust you came and
from dust you will return."*

February 14

Imposition of Ashes

12 - 2 pm pastors office
7 pm Worship



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