

Glenview United Methodist Church
THE VISITOR



Dear friends,

I heard that in the spring, gardeners feel the itch to go out and plant flowers or vegetables in their gardens. The time is almost here! What are you going to plant this year if you have a garden? I admire other people's gardens but do not dare to start mine. If I garden, I want to have a vegetable garden growing smelly Korean vegetables such as perilla leaves, garlic scape, and chives. But I have many excuses for not trying it. We have big and mature trees surrounding the parsonage and nothing grows well. I don't have a green thumb. Rabbits will eat them all anyway. I can buy them at a Korean grocery store. Those are some of my excuses. But this year I feel the itch to start gardening. So, I ordered a planting box, and it is sitting in our living room to be assembled. Both Chris and Tim know their mission: somehow and someday, they (or at least one of them) need to assemble it. They told me they didn't care for those vegetables that I am going to plant. But I gave them enough of a guilt trip to motivate them to assemble the box for me.

Gardening is mentioned in the Bible many times as a metaphor of the relationship between God and God's world or God's people. Which one is your favorite? I like the ones in John's Gospel. In one of garden stories in John's Gospel Jesus is the vine, God is the vine grower, and we are the branches. Jesus, God, and we are interdependent for the work of gardening. Yes, we need the sun, water, soil, workers, and many other factors for gardening.

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In Memoriam

Our sincere sympathy to the family of a former member, **Roberta (Bobbie) Mattson**, who passed away peacefully at age 91 on April 5, 2024 in Brentwood, TN. She and her husband Peter had joined the church early in 1969, and then left the church in 1989 when moving to California.

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

Confirmation

Sunday, May 19 will be Confirmation Sunday. United Methodists use the term "confirmation" to mark the first time a baptized Christian publicly "confirms" their intention to live the vows of the baptismal and membership covenant and so becomes a professing member of the local congregation and The United Methodist Church.

A HUGE HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO JANET CONLIN AND BECKY NETHERLAND

for chairing this year's Rummage Sale. It was a huge success and raised close to \$13,000.00 for missions. There are so many more people to thank who worked tirelessly every day/all day/all week, collecting, sorting, displaying, working the sale and finally cleaning up when it was all over. Without the help, this huge event would not have been possible.

Everyone deserves a standing ovation!!!



THANK YOU!

My 90th birthday happened in December...

It is a wonderful time to remember.

Thank you for the thoughtful cards you sent.

I'm sorry: I don't know where the time went!

But you deserve my gratitude,

although this is late!

Thank you, church family;

my birthday was great!

Wanda Frye

Baptism



We are happy to celebrate the baptism of Gabriela Carmen Gonzalez. Her sponsor is Emily Macejack. Her parents, Carlos and Sofia and brother Joaquin were also present. *May Gabriela's journey of faith be filled with love, hope, and endless blessings.*

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That's why there are many stories in the Bible using the metaphor of gardening to describe who God is, what the Kingdom of God looks like, and what resurrection looks like. For me the most interesting thing about actual gardening and the gardening metaphors in the Bible is the inseparable relationships among all that goes into growing something to harvest. I believe that's the truth and beauty of God's creation. We are all related. We need support and solidarity with others and God. We need to love God and love others. And we share the harvest of our common works with the world.

That's how the good news of Jesus Christ can be spread and benefit others. We work together in the garden of God's creation. Thanks be to God.

With gratitude of the season,
Eun-Hye Choi, pastor



Loose Coins and Singles

Loose coins and singles
in the offering plate will
be donated to: UMCOR
-Middle East
UMCOR Middle East

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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.

New Address

Daniel Geiger
930 Chicago Avenue
Apt. #6
Evanston, IL 60202



Nilson Scholarship: Now is your chance to apply for the Nilson \$1,000 Scholarship Award. It is for any GUMC member who will be enrolled in the fall of 2023 as a full time student in a 4-year college or university. Your entry for this award should consist of a short essay highlighting your accomplishments and activities, your higher education plans, and future career and personal interests. Also, please include a brief explanation as to how this award would benefit you. Entries must be submitted to the church office in a sealed envelope marked "Scholarships." The deadline is June 1.

It's Happening

Mark your calendars for our
"Evening in Venice"
Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, October 19th!

Sanctuary News!

Assisted Listening System for Church Sound:

Did you know the Sanctuary has devices for use to aid in hearing during worship. Please see an usher on Sunday mornings to borrow one for worship.

Large print hymnals and bulletins are located on the offering plate table. Please return the hymnal after worship.

Diaper changing station is located in the Family Bathroom outside the parlor.

Adult/Baby Rockers are in the last pews.

Glenview Concert Band

The Glenview Concert Band will present a night of music made up of self-directed small ensembles at **GUMC on May 13** in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. Come enjoy the music as performed by our members and friends. This is a free event. All are invited.



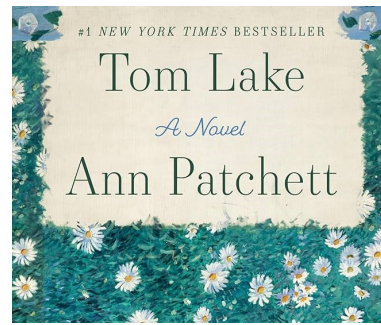
Please save **June 1**

from 8-12 for a spring clean up event at GUMC.

Pruning back

bushes, raking, etc. will be on the to-do list. Light cleaning options inside will also be available. Please bring the tools you are most comfortable with, rakes, pruners, gloves, weeders, etc.

Book Club!



Tom Lake

By

**Ann
Patchett**

Join the discussion

May 7 at 7:00

In the spring of 2020, Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother, and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew.

Even if you haven't read any of the past books, feel free to read this and hop in on the discussion on May 7th. Everyone is welcome!

Rev. Brittany Isaac, the superintendent of the Lake North District, will become lead pastor of First United Methodist Church in Arlington Heights effective July 1. **On June 2** a celebration will be held honoring her work as our Superintendent. Join GUMC and other members of the Lake North District for a reception at 3:00 p.m. in our social hall.

Collections

Collections for Midwest Mission Dist. Center

Enclosed is a listing of items that Midwest Mission Distribution Center can use in preparing kits and items to help in 3rd. world countries. Please bring one or many of the items (many are size specific) listed. Mark the package or item "MMDC" and put in one of the collection bins. We will deliver all to them June 16 on the first day of Annual Conference. If able to sew, crochet or knit any of the baby and children's items, you can find directions on their website: <https://www.midwestmission.org> or contact Ethel Doyle 847-975-0361. We collect for MMDC all year.

Classical Music Concert benefitting **THE DEBRA GELFAND CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION.**
Friday, May 31 7:00 p.m. Two Glenbrook South musicians, Hayden Hogue, and Marie Ku will perform **in our sanctuary.** Donations welcome!



General Conference

The United Methodist Church has no pope. But it does have a General Conference — the only body that can set official policy and speak for the international denomination.

General Conference brings together lay and clergy delegates from four continents whose decisions will affect how millions of United Methodists do church for years to come.

Think of the two-week gathering as a combination of a United Nations General Assembly, a U.S. congressional session and a time of rousing Christian worship.

The coming General Conference, now scheduled for April 23-May 3 in Charlotte, North Carolina, comes at a particularly momentous time.

General Conference typically gathers every four years. But because of the COVID pandemic, the assembly could not meet in 2020. That means the last regular session was in May 2016 — nearly eight years ago.

In the interim, the denomination has seen a quarter of its U.S. churches depart under a disaffiliation policy that began in 2019 and expired at the end of 2023.

What comes next for the international denomination will be largely up to General Conference itself.

To learn more visit: <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/a-beginners-guide-to-general-conference>

Pastor Eun-Hye will hold a General Conference Report and free discussion on Sunday, May 5 after worship in the parlor.

Midwest Mission Kits

REQUIREMENTS

- All kit items must be NEW.
- Kits should contain ONLY the requested items.
- No camouflage on fabrics.

*Instructions and patterns at midwestmission.org/patterns

PERSONAL DIGNITY KIT

- 1 Hand towel - no kitchen towels
- 1 Washcloth - no dishcloths
- 1 Adult toothbrush - no multipacks
- 1 Bar soap - 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 12-19 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll on, or pump
- 1 Lotion - 8-10 oz
- 1 1-gal resealable plastic bag

Place all items in the resealable plastic bag.

\$2 donation for toothpaste and carrying bag, per kit.

STUDENT KIT

- 3 Notebooks - 1 subject spiral 8"x 10 1/2"
- 1 Ruler - 12" long with metric
- 6 Pencils - unsharpened
- 1 Pencil sharpener
- 1 Eraser - 2" or larger
- 1 Box 12 colored pencils
- 1 Box 24 crayons
- 1 Pair student scissors
- 1 One-handled cloth bag*

Place all items in the cloth bag.

TORNADO KIT

- 1 2-gal resealable plastic bag
- 2 Pairs work gloves
- 24 1-gal resealable plastic bags
- 2 Permanent markers
- 1 Roll duct tape - prefer colored
- 2 Dust masks - no surgical masks
- 24 Heavy duty trash bags - 33-45 gal
- 24 Clear / white trash bags - 20-33 gal

Place all items in the 2-gallon bag.

\$20 donation for two 18-gallon totes.



HOME CARE KIT

- Liquid household cleaner - 56-80 oz total - no pump or spray bottles
- Dish soap - 42-64 oz total
- Liquid laundry detergent - 100-150 oz total
- 1 Scrub brush - with or without handle
- 1 5-gal round bucket with resealable lid

Place all items in the bucket.



BED PACK

- 1 Twin-size fitted sheet
- 1 Twin-size flat sheet
- 1 Pillow case
- 1 Bed pillow

Place all items in an unscented trash bag.



FEMININE HYGIENE KIT

- 1 Hand towel - no kitchen towels
- 1 Washcloth - no dishcloths
- 1 Bar soap 3-4 oz
- 3 Pairs underwear: sizes: child 10-14, women 5-8
- 6 Day pads*
- 3 Night pads *
- 1 Drawstring carrying bag *
- 1 Waterproof bag *
- 1 One-handled cloth bag *

Place all items in the cloth bag.



LAYETTE KIT

All items must be 0-6 months

- 6 Cloth diapers *
- 2 Gowns* or sleepers
- 2 Onesies or undershirts
- 2 Infant washcloths - no adult washcloths
- 6 Diaper pins - must have protective plastic closures
- 1 Sweater* or jacket with front opening - no ties
- 2 Receiving blankets - 28" x 28" to 32" x 32" - no fleece or thermal blankets.

Bundle items inside one of the blankets and secure with diaper pins.

\$2 donation for diaper cream, per kit.

Other Items We Collect



HANDMADE ITEMS

For instructions and patterns, visit our website. Email patterns@midwestmission.org for patterns not online.



BLEACHER WOOD

Made from reclaimed bleacher wood, our desks seat 2-4 students. Notify us of potential bleacher donations.



BICYCLES & SEWING MACHINES

Bicycles and electric sewing machines in working order accepted. All treadle machines accepted.



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

We accept folding walkers, crutches, canes, wheelchairs, shower chairs, and orthopedic supplies.



TOOLS

We accept new and gently used, non-electric tools. We are always in need of shovels and rakes.



EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT AND GEAR

We accept emergency gear and equipment, including fire gear, equipment, firetrucks, and ambulances. Fire gear can be expired.



UMCOR KITS

As a cooperating depot in the UMCOR relief supply network, we accept all UMCOR kits.

If you have a question about a donation, call 217-483-7911.



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

5/1 Dee Ann Ellis
 5/1 Ellen Krcik
 5/2 Hannah Russell
 5/3 Jade Roth
 5/6 Henry Netherland
 5/7 John Galarza
 5/8 Alex Ferrone
 5/9 Daniel Geiger
 5/12 Sharon Espino
 5/15 Lillian Ludwig
 5/16 Shannon Smith
 5/21 Melissa Read
 5/24 Mariann Randle
 5/26 Spencer Peterson
 5/29 Catherine Berg
 5/31 Hudson Galer

5/1 Bonnie Frame
 5/1 Emily Krcik Cerny
 5/3 Michael Galarza
 5/4 Lyn Johnson
 5/6 David Ventura
 5/7 Andrew Richter
 5/8 Larry Stiefvater
 5/10 Patrick Keenan
 5/13 Kristopher Denzel
 5/15 Philip Sailer
 5/17 Ceil Zabielski
 5/21 Mark Rowlands
 5/26 Owen Cummings
 5/28 Linda Kleckner
 5/29 Liz Mylander

5/11 Donna Kwiatkowski
 5/14 Ann Rowlands
 5/16 Kent Smith
 5/21 Annette Johnson
 5/22 Joyce Hosler
 5/26 Maddie Peterson
 5/28 Grace Ludwig
 5/30 Allen Pyterek

Happy Birthday

HAPPY
Anniversary!

5/4 Dawn and Michael Denzel
 5/9 Susan and Tom Urban
 5/21 Caryn and Will Granzow
 5/28 Bonnie and Rob Frame

5/7 Matthew and Korey Holzhueter
 5/15 Judy and Patrick Keenan
 5/28 Barb and Keith Cordell
 5/29 Sharon and Steve Dahnert

Adventures with Beth and Greg

A special thank you to all the youth and their families who helped with the church wide rummage sale. Whether you helped set up, tear down, donated or shopped, know that your work and contributions helped raise over \$13,000 for the church. Reusing and repurposing rather than buying new, helps us all reduce our carbon footprint. What was not sold, was donated to groups in need such as Veterans groups and WINGS.

At our GUMYouth gathering on April 28th, we prepared for our first GUMY plant sale - funds raised going to support our GUMYouth programming. Encouraging others to grow some of their own food as well as the work we do in growing vegetables and donating them to the Northfield Food Pantry, helps us to reduce our carbon footprint by reducing our food miles while providing healthy food choices for those in need.

Reusing/repurposing, reducing waste and our carbon footprint, and having healthy food choices, align with a commitment of living more sustainably and just... exactly what we will be exploring at the **Climate and Faith Youth Summit on June 28th and 29th**. There is fun to be had and much to celebrate before we get there. Below are the upcoming meeting times and events between now and then.

Sunday School continues starting at 10 am every Sunday through May 19th. Memorial Day Weekend, we transition to summer programming which includes having pre k-kindergarten on Sunday mornings. 1st - 12th graders are encouraged to attend summer worship with their families. While the Methodist Preschool is renovating room 8, pre k-kindergarten will meet in room 10C. (Inside the social hall)

- Sunday May 5th, Confirmation and GUMYouth meet from 10 am - 12:30 pm to attend the worship service with Communion and participate in selling plants and planting in the community garden.
- GUMYouth and Confirmands will celebrate their moms and mom-like role models on Mother's Day - May 12th (aka - no Confirmation or GUMY).
- May 19th is Confirmation Sunday - all youth are invited to participate (we will be contacting you to share in reading, music, ushering, etc.)
- Nothing on Memorial Day weekend for 1st - 12th graders - enjoy time with your families!
- Saturday morning, June 1st - outdoor church clean up. All invited.
- Sunday, June 2nd is our Sunday School Family Picnic immediately following church.
- Sunday, June 9th - we celebrate our high school and college graduates.
- Friday night June 28th and Saturday morning June 29th we host the Climate and Faith Youth Summit.

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...Adventures continued

Looking ahead to this summer, we will be asking families to each sign up for a week or two to take care of the garden beds in the Community Garden (training provided). We would also like to have our semi-annual youth/parent family planning meeting early in the summer to plan for the 2024 - 2025 program year. Finally, we are looking to have a Confirmation program specifically to meet the needs of high school age students exploring their faith. If you are or you have a current high school age student who has not yet been confirmed and would like to participate, please contact us at pe-tersons@glenviewumc.org.

Peace,
Beth and Greg



Would you like to learn to knit or crochet? We are looking to expand participation in the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Join us on Sunday, May 5 at 11 a.m. in the church parlor. We will teach you how to knit a small square. Squares eventually are joined and magically become a blanket. If you want to create a prayer shawl we can teach you how to do that too!

Remember, two knitting needles (or a crochet hook) + yarn = A caring ministry that provides comfort to our congregation in times of need. Our regular meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 11 a.m. in the parlor. You are welcome to join us or if you prefer, knit from home and deliver finished products to the church. Thanks for your consideration.

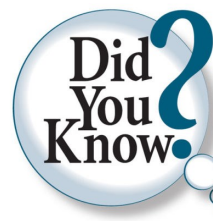


**8th Graders! High
School Seniors!
College Seniors!**

Trade School Graduates!

June is our Graduation Edition of the monthly *Visitor*. Are you graduating middle school, high school college, or trade school? Let us know your plans for the future.

Email office@glenviewumc.org so we can share your good news with your church family.



Your gifts to GUMC are a testimony to your faith and the confidence you have in GUMC. Both lifetime gifts and testamentary (given through your will) gifts express your feelings in a meaningful way.




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Annual GUMC
DIAPER
 drive

Donate New Diapers and
 Wipes to Help those in Need

Let's Make a Difference to the Community

Collection Dates:
 April 21- Mother's Day

Drop-off Location:
 Social Hall or Office
 Collection Bins

All donations will be
 donated to WINGS.
 (Women In Need
 Growing Stronger)

To learn more about the
 work WINGS does, visit:
www.wingsprogram.com

♥ Thank You For
 Your Donation



**GUMYOUTH PLANT
 SALE**

**MAY 5
 11:00 A.M.**

**ALL
 PLANTS
 \$5**