

Glenview United Methodist Church

THE VISITOR



Friends,

I get paid twice a month with paper checks. That means I go to my bank twice a month. Chris tells me I don't need to go to the bank and can deposit checks using my phone. So I downloaded my bank's app on my phone, but I still go to the bank. I use their ATM machine which is inside the bank, not the drive through. I think I like to go to stabilized institutions, such as banks, libraries, and churches. Though my bank is a big national one, the local branch I go to has a friendly and welcoming neighborhood feel. Someone at the door says hello to me with a smile. People at the desk raise their head and look at me when I walk in. The cashiers at their desks pay attention to me when I walk directly to the ATM machine. I don't need a strangers' hello, smile, or attention when I deposit my pay checks, but I enjoy them and appreciate them. I feel like I am treated as a human, not a function.

Recently I attended a celebration worship of a merger of two churches. Even after the merger, the new church is small in terms of the number of membership and worship attendance. But I felt deep gratitude for that small church because of the enthusiasm, care, sincerity, and hope that the people of the church carry out. Sitting there, I was thinking where do most people experience the genuine feeling of being a human outside of the church. Yes, we humans don't need rituals, liturgy, and worship services to function, but without them there is no room for gratitude for life itself no matter how rich or poor we are.

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

**Ben Campbell
David Slaght
Alice Ramos**



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

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

Pride News!

PRIDE SUNDAY AND RAINBOW WALK

In honor of the 12th year of becoming a Reconciling Congregation, and Pride Month, we will have Pride Sunday on **June 2**. We will celebrate our identity of being a welcoming and inclusive church with a message by guest preacher, Rev. Marilyn Robb, special music by the choir, consecration of the Communion by deacon, Rev. Monica Isaac and rainbow cake at the fellowship hour. Please wear rainbow colors and be a part of the celebration.

Also we will participate in the Rainbow Walk and Rally hosted by the village of Niles on **June 8** (Saturday) at 11am in the Kirk Lane Park between Waukegan Road and Jonquil Terrace, just south of Civic Center Plaza. Please contact pastor Eun-Hye at echoi@glenviewumc.org for more information and carpools.



In Memoriam

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of **Margaret Schnackenberg**. Margaret (Maggie) passed away Tuesday, May 21, 2024. A memorial service was held at GUMC on Saturday, May 25. Maggie was a beloved longtime member. She served on many committees and was a vibrant part of GUMC. Her presence will be greatly missed.

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



Sunday, May 19 Anna Juliet Parry, with her mentor, Linda Duback, her parents, Alison and Rob Parry, confirmed her intention to live the vows of the baptismal and membership covenant and so becomes a professing member of The Glenview United Methodist Church. Anna was surrounded by family and friends for this event. May Anna continue to grow spiritually and may her faith always be strong.

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Without them, we become the master of life and others become objects of functions. We need others for both simple acts of saying hello and the deep connection to the profound hope for humanity and life. I found both in our church and I hope you do too.

By the end of June, I will finish my sixth year with you as pastor of Glenview UMC. My heart is filled with gratitude for calling and serving faith communities. You have been teaching me what hope is. Preparing for my seventh year at GUMC, I am taking a one-month sabbatical in July. I will do some reading, writing, napping, and walking/hiking by whatever order happens each day. I may visit my mom, sister, and brother in California. My brother-in-law is struggling with the last stage of cancer in California. I hope I visit him and support my sister with my presence. I may visit other churches in different traditions which I never had a chance to. I may enjoy Sunday brunch with Chris. These are on my wish list.

Thank you for being a welcoming and hope-bearing church and thank you for giving me opportunities for ministry and rest!

With gratitude,
Eun-Hye Choi, pastor.

Trip Report: 2024 Pulpit Exchange with Olivet – 1 down, 1 to go!

A mighty group of 20 GUMC'ers made the trek down to Olivet on April 21st . What fun it was to caravan together. We had a great mix of musicians and congregants. We had a wonderful time worshiping with our Olivet brothers and sisters. We sang together, read scripture together, prayed together, and had a rousing time during the social hour. Our sister church really knows how to lay out a glorious feast! We also had an enlightening time exploring the new "Sanctuary Studio" youth outreach program being created in the basement social hall under the guidance of Luciana Diaz. It was so wonderful seeing this recording facility and program in development – we got to see in place the musical instruments some of you have already donated to the program. Cudos to you and to Olivet!

Sneak Preview: Our next Pulpit Exchange will happen early this fall on Kick-Off Sunday. Pastor Nick and other Olivet'ers will be coming up to worship with us in our sanctuary and will enjoy the full gamut of GUMC hospitality.

It's a Picnic!

CALLING ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES

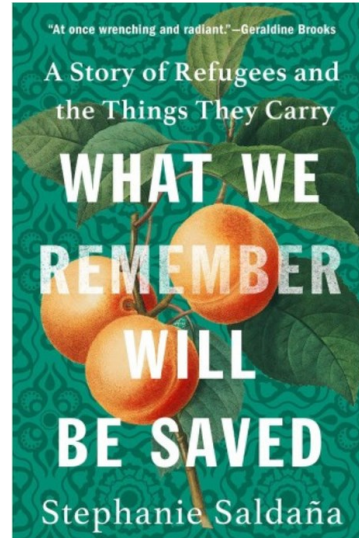
Summer starts in June and it is picnic season! All Sunday School and Confirmation class families are invited to a picnic on June 2. Picnic will happen right after worship service on the church lawn next to the water reservoir area. Come with the whole family and bring picnic chairs or blankets. Food and games will be provided. Any questions contact Susanne and Robin at sundayschool@glenviewumc.org or Pastor Eun-Hye at echoi@glenviewumv.org.

Book Club!

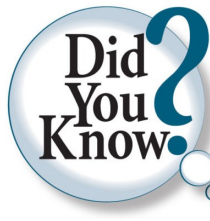
There will be NO Book Club in July or August.
September Book Discussion:

WHAT WE REMEMBER WILL BE SAVED

By Stephanie Saldana



Even if you haven't read any of the past books, feel free to read this and hop in on the discussion on September 3rd. Everyone is welcome!



If you are interested in making any special gifts to GUMC, feel free to discuss this with Pastor Eun-Hye Choi. She will help put you in touch with the appropriate advisors.

It's a Party!

A Celebration of the Ministry of
Rev. Brittany Isaac
Lake North District Superintendent
Sunday, June 2 @ 3 pm
Glenview UMC, 727 Harlem Ave

Everyone is invited to come celebrate the ministry of Rev. Brittany Isaac as she prepares to transition from Lake North District Superintendent to serving as the Senior Pastor at First UMC of Arlington Heights, effective July 1. The Celebration will be on Sunday, June 2 at 3 pm, hosted by Glenview UMC.

Be ready to enjoy special music, as well as expressions of gratitude and well-wishes from people and groups around the Lake North District.

The Celebration will end with a time of fellowship and refreshments.



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.

IT TAKES A CHURCH!

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who participated and/or supported the 2024 Rummage Sale. As you may have heard, we were able to make a profit of over \$13,000, money that will go to support the work of *Women in Faith* and missions of the church. In addition to the financial success, we also achieved something even more important – the connections we made with the community, with those in need and with each other.



From the department heads to the cashiers to those who tirelessly picked up clothes off the floor, we thank you. To those who handed out bags, carried furniture, made and served lunch, we thank you. To the donut ball team and the GOAT volunteer who sawed legs off a table for someone who only wanted the top (yes, that happened!), we thank you. To the youth group and our partners at Wesley, we thank you. To everyone who donated items and purchased items, we thank you. We are truly grateful for all the hard work done from set up day through the sorting week all the way to the final take down (good title for a movie).

In basically a day and a half, we were able to help a young couple afford essentials for their first baby, give a teenager's love of retro music equipment a boost with new speakers, provide grandparents with scooters and wagons for their visiting grandkids, watch a young man excitedly look through the pile of "unsellable" clothing for treasures he could use for his recycled clothing business... the stories go on and on. And even when we were done selling, we collected bags of clothing, children's books and musical instruments for our friends at **Olivet**. We provided donations of much-needed housewares and books to **World Relief** for immigrant families. We gave towels and blankets to animal rescue shelters. And we were still able to donate items to **WINGS**, the **Vietnam Vets**, and **The Cancer Federation**. That's part of the profit, too. And it's priceless!

We have had a wonderful time working with all of you and we highly recommend the job of "Rummage Sale Chairs". It may seem like a huge undertaking, but it really is a group effort. And you get the satisfaction of seeing a whole little community being set up, run, and finish in a week. Best marathon ever! That being said, we **are hoping to help transition to a new chair or chairpersons for the 2025 GUMC Rummage Sale**. Please consider stepping up and showing your support for this wonderful fundraiser for the church. And please know that we'll always have your back!



In Gratitude and Peace,
Janet Conlin and Becky Netherland

Congratulations to our graduates!

8th Grade

Claire Cummings
Ayden Gwozdz
Gabriel Velez
Elizabeth Ventura

High School

Thomas Zambianchi graduated from Glenbrook South High School. He will be attending Marquette University focusing on a major in Digital Media. He has also committed to run track.

Fiona Doherty, David Rowlands and Rachel Tweddle have also graduated.

College



Laura Corbige will graduate from William James College in Boston, MA with a Doctorate in Psychology. She has accepted a position with Tampa Bay Psychological Associates. She will be providing psych services to police officers and first responders. She is beyond grateful for the opportunity to follow her passion and start her career.



Lauren Elizabeth Ellis is graduating from the University of Illinois with a masters degree in animal science. She is going to be working at a vet medical diagnostic lab at the University of Missouri as a senior clinical lab technician.



Haley Ferrone graduated from the University of Utah with a degree in Film and Media Art. She is currently producing art for her exhibit in Salt Lake City in July. She is searching for work in media design or fashion styling.



LAKE FOREST
COLLEGE

Robin Rudolph Woitesek graduated from Lake Forest College with a double Major in Sociology & Anthropology and a Self Design Major in Film & Television. Once graduated, she will be teaching a Film Class at Northwestern University this summer. In Fall, she will be moving to Germany to improve her German and she hopes to attend a Graduate School for Film Archival and Preservation in the future.



CARTHAGE
COLLEGE

Taylor Rudolph Woitesek graduated from Carthage Collage in Kenosha with a Major in Exercise Sports Science and a double Minor in Health Sciences and Secondary Education including Special Education. In January she added a Coaching License for all Sports. Once graduated she will be Director of Sport Camps in Wilmette this Summer. In Fall, she got an offer to teach Health at Waukegan High School.

Mission News

Kids Above All - Currently, serving 4,583 children and families throughout Cook, Kane, Lake and DuPage counties with early childhood programs, safe and supportive housing, and trauma-informed therapy.

Rosecrance: their Health Network is a premier residential and community-based organization serving youth and families with alcohol and substance abuse addictions and providing mental health services to over 13,000 families in multiple locations in the region.

MYSI is serving at-risk youth in collaboration with community and school programs. Approximately 4,200 youth have received services since 2006.

Write a check: GUMC, Memo: Bishop's Appeal, Or on line at: glenviewumc.org/donate

Apartments Needed: Apartment(s) needed by World Relief for new immigrants, preferably in Evanston, north Chicago area, or anywhere close to public transportation. World Relief does the renting & is responsible. If you know of anyone who may have an apartment for rent please contact: Joel Duncan, Church Mobilizer, World Relief Chicagoland, chicagoland.worldrelief.org Mobile: 773.681.8569

General Board of Global Ministries = United Methodist Committee On Relief and More

You've been hearing about the immediate impact your offering can make - Coins & Singles



Loose Coins and Singles

100% of your contribution goes directly to UMCOR. That's because Glenview UMC's apportionment has a tiny piece in it that goes to the General Board of Global Ministries. Those funds allow GBGM to serve as the umbrella over the priorities of United Methodist world mission:

Missionaries

Evangelism and Church Revitalization

Humanitarian Relief and Recovery

Global Health

We can be proud of the work of our denomination across the world that carries the goals to:

Make disciples of Jesus Christ

Strengthen, develop, and renew Christian congregations and communities

Alleviate human suffering

Seek justice, freedom, and peace

We can serve because we are connected and much bigger than just ourselves. We are connected as a congregation to the Northern Illinois Conference, as a Conference to the North Central Jurisdiction, as a jurisdiction to the five other jurisdictions of the U.S. and therefore to all the other United Methodist congregations in the U.S. and the world.

2024 General Conference Summary!

Slashed budget approved.

The denominational budget for 2025-2028 is \$373.4 million, a drop of 38 to 41 percent from the budget passed in 2016. COVID and disaffiliations had much to do with an anticipated drop in apportionment receipts. That budget is contingent on collection rates coming to 90 percent or more for the next two years. If giving is below that percentage, the budget bottom line will drop to \$353.6 million. Annual conferences will be asked to pay less to support denomination-wide ministries.

Deacons receive the option of presiding at the sacraments.

Deacons now may preside at the sacraments of communion and baptism without needing a bishop's permission. The new language in the Book of Discipline reads, "Deacons give leadership in the Church's life: in teaching and proclaiming the Word; in contributing to worship, in assisting the elders in administering the sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion, or in presiding at the celebration of the sacraments when contextually appropriate. For the sake of extending the mission and ministry of the church and offering the means of grace to the world, the deacon is authorized to preside at the celebration of the sacraments. Presiding at the celebration of the sacraments involves taking responsibility to lead the gathered community in celebrating baptism and Holy Communion."

Disaffiliations are done.

General Conference firmly closed the door on church disaffiliations by repealing Disciplinary paragraph 2553. That provision, introduced at the 2019 special session of General Conference, gave churches a way to leave the denomination with their property and after fulfilling annual conference obligations "for reasons of conscience." The option ended on Dec. 31, 2023, and delegates agreed not to reopen it. A separate petition passed later encourages conferences to devise policies for welcoming back those churches who had disaffiliated but later changed their minds.

Ordination and wedding ban revoked.

The most remarkable act of General Conference so far this week was the delegates' removal of prohibitions related to LGBTQ people. In one vote, General Conference lifted the ban against the ordination of "self-avowed, practicing homosexuals," protected the rights of clergy or churches who chose (or chose not to) officiate or host same-sex weddings, and urged bishops to pursue inclusivity of gender, race, ethnicity, age, people with disabilities, sexual orientation, and economic condition in naming representatives to ecumenical organizations. Striking the ban on same-sex weddings. Striking performing a same-sex wedding and being an LGBTQ+ clergy from the list of chargeable offenses. Creating a smoother, shorter process for people to regain clergy credentials after having lost them in church trials and proceedings related to our history of LGBTQ+ discrimination.

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2024 General Conference Summary!

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These three decisions required only one vote because these proposed legislative items ("petitions") were bundled into a calendar item, allowing delegates to vote on all of them at once. The joy these decisions made filled the convention center with cheers, shouts, and sobs. Many marched to a fountain outside of the building and sang together. Regionalization plan now just needs ratification. The last legislative item needed for the regionalization plan passed today. Next, members of annual conference sessions will vote on a constitutional amendment that make the plan possible. Two-thirds of all of these votes are needed to ratify the amendment. Some annual conferences may vote on it this year.

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

6/2 Beckett Cummings
6/2 Stephanie Yonkers
6/3 Meg Pyterek
6/6 Laura Corbige
6/6 Benjamin Keenan
6/10 Steve Cummings
6/11 Jan Hutchins
6/14 Brian Porrett
6/17 Keith Cordell
6/19 Michael Potter
6/23 Tyler Phillips
6/27 William Frame
6/30 Beth DeBaker

6/2 Emma Granzow
6/3 Ed Porrett
6/4 Steve Urban
6/6 Matthew Furch
6/8 Alice Joyce Kowski
6/10 Karina Johnson
6/13 Andrew Daniels
6/15 Susan Slaght
6/17 Ted Sawicz
6/20 Larry Brand
6/24 Alice Ramos
6/28 Evan Mohr

Happy
Birthday

6/14 Dana Booker
6/16 Curtis Corbige
6/19 John Potter
6/21 John Keenan
6/25 Judy Knoblock
6/29 Chuck Schaden

HAPPY
Anniversary!

6/2 Nora and Ken Welter
6/7 Alice and Mac Ramos
6/14 Jan and Tom Hutchins
6/21 Liz and Guy Mylander
6/29 Cheryl and Howard Tweddle, Jr.

6/6 Donna and John Kwiatkowski
6/10 Michelle and Steve Cummings
6/14 Helen and Jim Weinstein
6/26 Karen and Scott Daniels

Adventures with Beth and Greg

June is the kickoff to "Cicada Summer 2024" and even though classes are put on hold we still have lots going on and planning for Fall 2024 to do!

The next time we meet will be on June 1st from 9 am - 12 pm for GUMY serves at 727 Harlem Ave for the Church-wide clean up.

Sunday June 2nd following the worship service there will be a Sunday School Year End Picnic for all of our Sunday School kids and their parents! Please be sure to join us for a fun end to the year before all the business of summer takes over.

On June 9th we honor our high school and college graduates during the 10 am worship service.

At 6:30 pm on Thursday, June 13th we will meet for our Family Ministry Family Planning Meeting. A family style cookout will be included! 6th - 12th grade youth, parents, appetites and calendars should all be present!

Our first Youth Summit focusing on Climate and Faith will be held at GUMC on Friday evening June 28th from 6-9pm and Saturday June 29th from 9am-1pm

Remember to save your or your youth's spot at the Climate and Faith Youth Summit. We register by church, so just email Beth and Greg at Petersons@glenviewumc.org and let us know that you/your youth will be attending. There is a \$10 per person fee to help defray the costs for food and materials. Please be sure to share any dietary needs.



JUNE 23 - 29, 2024

Jesus

Others

Yourself

Located at Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon IL
Serving youth from ages 5th grade to high school seniors.

JOY Camp is a week-long overnight camp focused on delivering the message of God's love through fun, fellowship, nature, scripture, and worship. It is hosted at Camp Reynoldswood and organized by a group of clergy and lay members in our conference who have extensive experience in youth ministry. All are welcome, regardless of where they are in their faith journey. If you have any questions about JOY camp, please contact their Director, Payton Keithley, at payton.keithley@joycamp.org.

Choir :♥️: Joys

I am thrilled to announce that the Sanctuary Choir will be forming small ensembles and vocal soloists during the summer season. **We are currently seeking instrumentalists and soloists** to share their talents

during our worship services. If you need help selecting a piece or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to all choir members for their dedication to attending rehearsals, sharing musical gifts on Sundays, practicing at home, and participating in vocal exercises. Your commitment is truly valued.

Music plays a crucial role in our worship, enhancing our services with depth, scripture, contemplation, and prayer. **This July, I invite you to suggest your favorite hymn, camp song, or new worship song that speaks to your heart. These selections will be included in July worship services for all to enjoy.**

Ephesians: 5:19 Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.

Blessings and peace,

Cindy Applebee
Director of Music

The Studio is still looking for these items:

- a. Guitars – any size, any shape, any type
- b. Drums/percussion instruments
- c. Nintendo games/equipment (for play time at the end of training sessions)

BEGINS MAY 23, 2024



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Climate and Faith
YOUTH SUMMIT
 Our Christian Responsibility

This TWO day event will be held on Friday, June 28 6-9 Saturday, June 29 9-1

Details:
 There is a \$10 per person/student fee to help defray the cost of food and materials.

Space is limited.
 Scan to register today!

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