## Glenview United Methodist Church

# THE VISITOR

Summary of the 2024 NIC Conference

Linda Duback and Scott Daniels

July 21, 2024

The Northern Illinois Conference (NIC) Annual Conference this year was held from Sunday, June 16 through Tuesday, June 18 at the Renaissance Schaumburg Center in Schaumburg. Pastor Eun-Hye, Linda Duback, and Scott Daniels represented the GUMC. It was an exciting Conference, filled with discussion and punctuated with passionate presentations by clergy and staff and members. Past conferences have been highlighted with contention, but this Conference was different. It was a time of reconciliation and a call for healing and recognition of the exciting challenges ahead. In this Conference the Church emerged with a new positive outlook and featured the following:

- o The disaffiliation process was concluded with love and compassion.
- o The NIC delegation priorities became regionalization and revised social principles.
- o The NIC paid its portion of the Scout settlement, and now must focus on covering the funding gap.
- o The NIC and the Wisconsin Conference are being consolidated under one Bishop and the conference budgets realigned accordingly. Each Conference will still exist but with one biship.
- o Churches were asked to "yield to the call forward and experiment for the gospel and emerge as "illuminators", with open minds, doors, and hearts, people who can bring light and connection to others.
- o We discussed what is our "Why". It is transformation of the world!
- o Finally, we discussed what differentiates us as Methodists.
  - o Grace. We believe God gives us grace whether we like it or not!
  - o Also, we have an open communion table. It is open to anyone!

The bottom line is the NIC has listened to issues of importance, has responded, and is on a track to make the constructive changes needed while continuing to meet to the spiritual needs of its members.

Sincerely,

Linda Duback and Scott Daniels

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

Marie Hoffman
Orpha Laurie
Damian Neuberger
Rev. Linda Foster Momsen



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

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



Have circumstances changed since you last updated your estate plan?

Do your current estate planning documents carry out your commitments to GUMC? If not, it is a good plan to amend your documents now.

## **Welcome to GUMC New Members**



Kelly Amrhein & Angela Koenigs With Lilly and Molly
Ashly Chacko and Ari
Rey and Emma Ramos
PJ and Allison Janke with Izzy and Jaxson
Sandy Vanderburg

## Save the Date!

Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024, 11:15 a.m. Social Hall – A big mission project for all age levels is coming to GUMC!! Midwest Mission Dist. Center is bringing Mission to us! We will be packing Rice and Soy Blessing Bags (Rice Meal Packs). (Similar to Feed My Starving Children's experience.) More information as time gets closer.

## Celebrate Kirkekaffe!

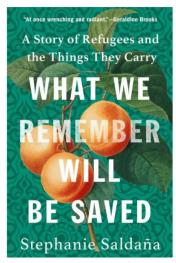
In Norway, Kirkekaffe is "Church Coffee". Every Sunday we gather together for worship and fellowship with God and one another. We sing praises to God together, we pray together, we offer each other the peace of Christ, we hear the Word of God together, and together, we fellowship around the table of Holy Communion. This, however, is not where our Sunday fellowship ends. After Sunday worship, we also gather together around food and drink in the parlor and continue our time of fellowship. After-church fellowship provides us - members, and those who are visiting, an opportunity to get to know one another better - to become friends rather than just acquaintances. Coffee fellowship is vital to the life and ministry of the church. Please consider offering your time by hosting a *Kirkekaffe* after worship. The coffee will be made. Just bring some treats and help our Christian connection grow!

## **Book Club!**

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

WHAT WE REMEMBER WILL BE SAVED

By Stephanie Saldana



Eggplant seeds, a lullaby in a vanishing language, an embroidered dress. When people flee their homes, the things they save speak of beauty and suffering and the indomitable human spirit.

Even if you haven't read any of the past books, feel free to read this and hop in on the discussion on September 10th. Everyone is welcome!

## **Midwest Mission!**

Midwest Mission Distribution Center Current Needs – Disaster Relief Supplies: 5 gallon buckets with lids, 32-64 oz. Bottles of liquid laundry detergent, 16-40 oz. Bottles of liquid concentrate household cleaner, 16-34 oz. Bottles of liquid dish soap, Scrub brushes, Heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon sizes), Kitchen gloves, Work gloves, Sizes are important as they must all fit in a 5 gal. bucket. Your donation of one or several items are most appreciated. Put in a collection bin marked MMDC.

# MINIATURE

FRIENDS AND FAMILY **JOIN GUMC MEMBERS** 



# **AUGUST 11**

5:00 p.m. \$12.50 Per Person at 48" Height Requirement the Door

21711 N. Milwaukee Lincolnshire

RSVP TO THE OFFICE 847-729-1015



# ICK-OFF

WE WELCOME OLIVET UMC

SEPTEMBER

10:00A.M. Come for worship and stay for lunch!

- **⊘** Worship
  - Choir
     Choir

Food
Sames

- Sunday School
- Music
   Music



outdoors. This is not Lunch will be served a potluck.



## Howard Brown Health and Broadway Youth Center

Loose Coins and Singles

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transformative social policies actualize human rights and equity for all." https://howardbrown.org/about mission

Coins, singles or if more, a check to GUMC memo: Howard Brown or online to glenviewumc.org/donate.

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



PLEASE CONTACT THE CURCH OFFICE FOR A BIRTHDAY LIST





### **Glenview Sanctuary Choir News**

We have had uplifting summer months of making music in vocals, instrumentals, solos, groups and all working together. The July hymn sing Sunday lifted our spirits in song. The hymn requests will continue to be

sung throughout August.

The Glenview Methodist Sanctuary Choir of adults and high school students is ready to begin rehearsals for the 2024 fall season on Wednesday, August 28th 7 - 9 pm. We welcome current members, friends and curious musicians.

For those of you who may be thinking of joining the Sanctuary Choir, we welcome you! You will gain friendships, spiritual growth, inspiration and a profound feeling of singing in God's glory. What have you got to lose? Come share your love of singing!

How can you help us begin our fall season? Watch for an August bulletin with a request section to share a favorite anthem you have sung with a group or have heard shared by the Sanctuary Choir. We want to know what brings faith, hope and love to your heart.

We cannot wait to begin a new season of singing! Shout out your song!



with Members and Friends.

Please save the date..

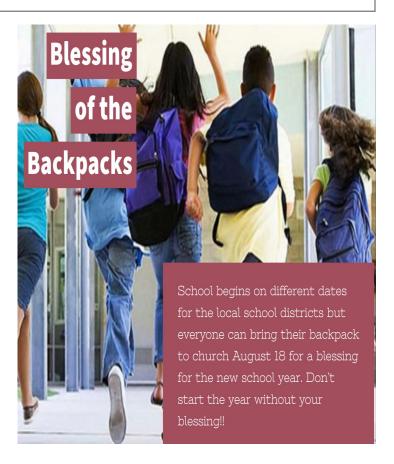
Menu and more details to follow.

Ticket Information:

\$25 per adult. A family rate of \$60 or children 12 and under \$10

Tickets online at www.glenviewumc.org "Donate" or in the church office.





# Adventures with Beth and Greg

Youth often report that GUMY gatherings are much more fun when there are other youth present. We plan together so that we might reach a critical mass for classes and events. A special thank you to all present for our July Family Ministry Calendar Planning Meeting. Your feedback is always appreciated and valued. And of course, helps us plan fun, meaningful, and hopefully well-timed programming for all of our youth and their families.

Summer programming continues for Family Ministry in August including Childcare for prek - k during Sunday worship through and including Labor Day Weekend (9/1). Our High School Confirmation Sessions continue on Sundays from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm through the end of September (excluding 9/1 and 9/7).

GUMYouth met in July to plan for the Youth Led Worship service - scheduled for Sunday 8/25. We made good progress brainstorming what should be included in the service including choosing bible verses, prayers and ideas for music. But more work is yet to be done. Any youth interested in participating should join us on Tuesday, August 6th and Saturday, August 24th, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

Also a special thank you to the Cummings Family for their work in the GUMY garden beds this summer and delivering food to the Northfield Food Pantry. We can still use more help! Pre k - 12th grade GUMC families - all can sign up to help. Look for the sign up sheet and directions in your email inbox.

## Mark your calendars

8/11 Church Wide Miniature Golf 5pm – 7pm at Par-King Skill Golf, 21711 N Milwaukee Ave, Lincolnshire, IL

8/18 Blessing of the backpacks

8/25 Youth led worship service at 10 am

9/8 Kickoff Sunday with teacher and teacher assistants recognition and friends from Olivet visiting. Susanne Rudolph will be back as our lead preschool teacher and Maddie Peterson will join us again to be the lead teacher for our 1st - 5th graders.

Summer flies by. Whatever your plans are, we hope you enjoy the last few weeks before school starts up mid-August!

Peace,

Beth and Greg

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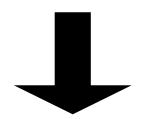
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book paper
Additional folders
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Calculator
Assignment notebook



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