

GLENVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE VISITOR



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FROM THE PASTOR

Friends,

You may know that I have a small vegetable garden in front of the parsonage where I live. You may have seen me watering my garden when you drive to church. I grew some tomatoes, cucumbers, perillas, and garlic scrapes. Watching something you care for grow and produce fruits is an amazing experience. Because of them, I have become more conscious when I buy produce at grocery stores and more thankful for all I eat and for life itself. It is a mystery that we are able to grow food from a seed! When I walk around our church's two community gardens (Sabbath Garden and Deborah Gelfand Garden) I am thankful for the people who care for them and pray for the people who will eat the harvest from them. These two gardens produce abundant fruits, and we bring them to the community food pantries.

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ADVENTURES WITH BETH AND GREG

September might be the end of summer, but it's an exciting time at GUMC! After you've enjoyed your three day weekend get ready for the start of our program year! Make sure to join us on Sunday, September 8th for Kick-Off Sunday which starts with worship at 10am (Sunday School will start with an all ages group activity) followed by lunch and games/activities for the kids. It's a great time to reconnect with friends that we may not have seen over the summer.

Speaking of Sunday School, we welcome back Susanne teaching our littlest ones, the PreK-Kindergarten class. Also back after a year off is Maddie who will be teaching our 1st-5th graders. Sunday School and Confirmation classes begin on Sunday September 15th during the worship service.

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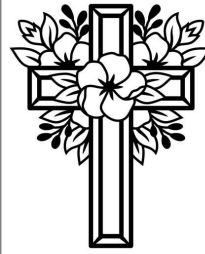
Let us remember the following
members in our prayers.

Orpha Laurie



Please let us know if there is a concern
in your family.
Pastor Eun-Hye: Echoi@glenviewumc.org or
Office@glenviewumc.org

In Sympathy



Sadly, Midge Strelow, former
member, and the mother of
Linda Kleckner, passed away
on Tuesday, August 20.

A **Celebration of Life** will be
held at GUMC on September
21 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Please keep the family in your prayers and
may the grace of God comfort them.

Submitted Poetry

Up To The Light

As long as there's a brain in our head and the ability to reflect, there will be God in our hearts.
A given when we have learned to love
Despite the trials of this world we cling to hope because the alternative is worse
Struggle as we must to bolster our faith

It is what helps us wake up God to our plight
I think He can work within us to make the world right
As we toil in our lives to also discover a spiritual awakening and building
We need to be charged by the Spirit so that our prayers fortify us and actions are born

We oppose evil as it finds ways to hurt us, it is the nature of this world
God give us the strength and courage to endure and overcome these evils
While also seeing the torches others carry for the same reason
Let it lead us to believe we are not alone in our quest
As together we address a higher power in union and in love

Michel Agriopoulos
June 23, 2024

(Long is the way and hard, that out of darkness leads up to the light. John Milton 1645).

I have been thinking about others hardships in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, and other places. People who suffer injustice and imprisonment, even in our own country where we walk the knife's edge. These verses reflect my state of mind.

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But they now show some signs that we approach the end of summer. There is a season to plant and grow and a season to harvest and clean up. Doing so, we are always thankful for the current season and hopeful for the coming season.

Our church also has seasons. September is the season of a new beginning. With the Fall Kick-off celebration, we start Sunday School, Confirmation class, and Adult Bible Study. The full choir is back. As I always remind you, we support the mission of our church with our presence, prayers, gifts, service, and witnesses. With our presence we give worship and praise to our God, share love and support with fellow Christians, and help raise the next generation of Christians. I hope that you understand the importance of your presence at Glenview UMC. Also, please invite your neighbors to the church fellowship and learning and serving opportunities because they may struggle with loneliness and isolation. We all need the relationship with God and neighbors for fulfilling lives.

Our church is like God's garden. God cares for us, and we grow and bear fruits in mysterious ways. Until the time when we will be harvested in God's grace in God's Kingdom, we belong to this garden together. Thanks be to God!

With abundant gratitude,
Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

New District Superintendent!

Bishop Dan Schwerin has announced the appointment of Rev. Victor O. Melad Jr. as Lake North District Superintendent, effective July 1, 2024. Rev. Melad currently serves at Edison Park and Oak Park: St. John's and will follow Rev. Brittany Isaac, who has been appointed as lead pastor at Arlington Heights. Rev. Melad grew up in the Philippines. He is a graduate of the Far East Bible Institute and Seminary in Valenzuela, Philippines, and received his master of divinity degree at the Union Theological Seminary in Dasmarinas, Cavite, Philippines. He served several churches in the Philippines and was named a district superintendent of the Southwest Metro Manila District prior to coming to the Northern Illinois Conference in 2012.

Rev. Melad is committed to revitalizing congregations through vibrant ministries. At Edison Park, he led the church in reaching its benchmark average attendance of 96 to 100 with small groups and financial sustainability in 2019. As the church now discerns a new vision following the COVID pandemic, Rev. Melad continues his dedication to reestablishing vitality through yoking Edison Park and St. John's in Oak Park. Please hold in prayer Rev. Victor Melad Jr., his family, and everyone in an appointment transition.

Excerpt from NIC News February 17, 2024

Adventures with Beth and Greg

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Our High School age Confirmation Class continues to meet after the worship service.

Lastly we want to thank all of our GUMYouth (Keira, Owen, Gabi, Brielle, Claire, Anna, Joaquin, Parleen, Ryan, Edie, Izzy, Ruby, and Trevor) that participated in the Climate and Faith Youth Summit last June and our Youth led service last Sunday August 25th. Your passion for our climate was on full display with your prayers, music and personal reflections. You inspired a congregation to be more aware and start having the conversations that we need to have on how we at GUMC can be better and do better for our earth. Also a very big thank you to Cindy for working with the kids on the music and accompanying on piano and Spencer (drums) and Jack (guitar) for accompanying our vocalists as well. If you were not able to answer the two questions on the last page of the bulletin or were not able to attend but would still like to submit your responses please email us at peter-sons@glenviewumc.org

Climate Action Considerations

With regards to climate change, what would you like to see the church commit to doing that we have not done yet?

What would you like to participate in or support with your time, talents or financial support?

See you in Church!

Peace

Greg and Beth

REGISTER

NOW!



*Bible
Presentation*

Studying Scripture is one of the most important ways we learn about God. GUMC presents personal Bibles to each third grader and Confirmation student as a statement of their growing faith development. We celebrate the tradition of presenting Bibles to our students as a gift from the congregation.

It is our prayer that this gift will be a starting point for a deeper relationship with God. **September 15 at 10:00 a.m.**

Parents: Please complete a registration form for Sunday School. It is important we have updated contact information for the start of the Sunday School program year. See your teacher or visit us online at: www.glenviewumc.org

Women's Wellness Weekend!

WOMEN'S WELLNESS WEEKEND is approaching soon, and we are eager to invite all women 18 and above to join us in this fun, relaxing and friendship-filled weekend. Our presentation topic and discussion is "The Book of Joy" (lasting happiness in a changing world). There will be free time on Saturday afternoon to relax and enjoy friendships. The dates of the weekend are Sept. 27 – 29 and we are hoping that old friends and new will join us for this lovely weekend. Please sign up after church with a registration form or contact Barb Galarza (mydustygal@yahoo.com) or Kathy Sawicz or Becky Netherland for one. It will be exciting seeing you there at Edwards YMCA Camp and Retreat Center in East Troy, WI!

Bible Study Begins!

Join the Bible study
Wednesdays @ 10:00 a.m.
in the choir room or via
ZOOM. The Bible passages
for the following Sunday will
be discussed. Email Pastor
Eun-Hye
for the
ZOOM
link.



Book Club!

September Book Discussion:
WHAT WE REMEMBER WILL BE SAVED

By Stephanie Saldana
6:00 p.m. Church parlor
September 10

ANNOUNCED FOR OCTOBER
THE MEASURE by Nikki Erlick



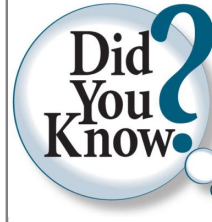
Grab the book now and start reading.
Discussion will be held at 7:00 p.m. on
October 1 in the church parlor.

A dystopian novel in which everyone in the world receives a small box on the very same day with their name engraved on it. Inside the box is a piece of string which determines when they will die. Would you open the box or not? What about your family members? Coincidentally it's also the year of the presidential nominees campaign. How will the country leaders handle the developing panic over the "short string" people vs the "long string" people? The Measure focuses on eight characters and how their lives intertwine.

Even if you haven't read any of the past books, feel free to read this and hop in on the discussion on October 1. Everyone is welcome!

Pastoral CARE

Pastoral care for our church family! Too often we find out about illnesses, crises and hospitalizations after they occur. This is a missed opportunity for the calls and visits we would like to share. Please let us know if there is a concern in your family or in another congregants family (with their permission) We need your help in order to offer ours. Pastor Eun-Hye: Echoi@glenviewumc.org; Office@glenviewumc.org; 847-729-1015



Trusts allow you to make a gift to GUMC in the future. You may set up the trust now and keep the income for yourself or other beneficiaries as long as you choose, or for life. GUMC will receive the property after that. There are special tax benefits for these kinds of trusts.

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



9/16 Bruce Siewerth
9/20 Ken Ready
9/21 Jackson Ventura
9/24 Andrew Duback
9/27 Parker Holzhueter
9/28 Robert Rothermel

9/2 Ben Mohr
9/3 Justin Zabielski
9/4 Becky Netherland
9/7 Ashley Daniels
9/7 Alisha Potter
9/11 Ginny Peterson
9/12 Amanda Losquadro
9/14 Scott Houdek
9/17 Dean Carlson
9/20 Delia Rowlands
9/22 Michael Risley
9/25 Bob Frye
9/27 Dale Sailer
9/29 Rachel Tweddle

9/3 Sherry Smith
9/4 Holly Hendee
9/7 Andrew Brand
9/7 Scarlett Jones
9/10 Peggy Curkov
9/12 Dawn Bode
9/13 Michael Denzel
9/16 Gerry Gans
9/20 Dick Hoffman
9/21 Randy Johnson
9/23 Jeff Mohr
9/27 Eden Cummings
9/27 Laura Sailer
9/30 Guy Mylander

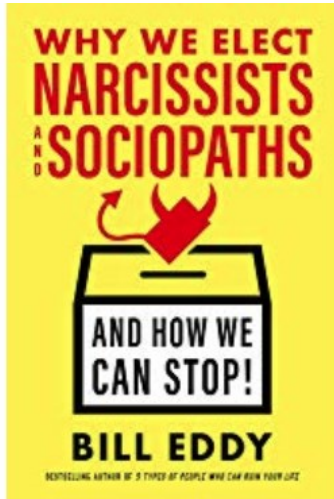


HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

9/1 Melissa and Greg Gwozdz
9/6 Diann and Ben Campbell
9/8 Ellen and Chuck Schaden
9/19 Janella and Vince Vasquez
9/27 Joanne and Andrew Richter

9/3 Sally and Tim Lankford
9/8 Laura and Dale Sailer
9/16 Melanie and Peter Cummings
9/23 Kelly Amrhein and Angela Koenigs
9/28 Jane and Gregory Furch

New Small Group!



Join us for a group discussion of the book by Bill Eddy, *Why We Elect Narcissists and Sociopaths—And How We Can Stop!* on Sunday mornings beginning October 6 from 9 - 9:55am in Pastor Eun-Hye's office. The discussion will be facilitated by Rev. Monica Isaac, a Deacon in the Northern Illinois Conference, a Licensed Professional Counselor, Marriage and Family Therapist and trained mediator. Discussion will focus on the patterns and psychology of historical leaders with narcissistic and sociopathic tendencies including why they behave the way they do, how we recognize them, and how we can talk about it in a way that affects change. *We will be following the readings from the book, but it's not necessary to read the book in order to participate.* Hope to see you!



\$25 / ADULT
\$60 / FAMILIES
OR CHILDREN
12 AND UNDER
\$10.

MENU TO BE
ANNOUNCED

Venice

*A Silent Auction and Time to
Socialize with Friends.*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
6:00P.M.-9:00P.M.**

Glenview United Methodist Church

Silent Auction Wish List!

The goal of the *Evening in Venice* is to foster friendships among our church community. But we recognize it is also fun to bid on great stuff. If you feel moved to donate to the Silent Auction portion of the evening, please consider an item from our wish list.

- ◆ Tickets or Passes
- ◆ Hosted Parties
- ◆ Goods
- ◆ Kids Items

Your donation will benefit the church and the winner! Please contact Karen Daniels to discuss your donation idea.

kbdaniels@gmail.com or
847-858-2476

Thank you!

Missions & Service Ministry

EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF SERVING!! A MISSION PROJECT IS COMING TO GUMC!! See insert. Join us, Sunday, Oct. 13, at 11:15 a.m. in the Social Hall to pack nutritious blessing meal bags that that will go people who have little or no food source. Sign up on line, after service, or call Mary Bently 913-396-1258. The on line link is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DAAA72BAAFE3-50711339-theblessing>

CROP HUNGER WALK ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



CROP HUNGER WALK - October 6: This year the walk takes place on Sunday, October 6 at Northfield Community Church, 400 Wagner Rd., (Willow & Wagner Rds.) Northfield. All walkers can enjoy a light lunch at noon and then at 1:00 p.m walk any distance up to 5k.

You can participate by joining the GUMC team, donating, securing donors, and/or walking. All proceeds are used by Church World Service to provide food, medical care, disaster relief, provide water wells in remote villages, and self-help development for people in need, locally and around the world. 25% of the money raised by Glenbrook Crop Hunger Walk will be distributed to local food pantries and organizations. Last years' walk raised over \$40,000, GUMC raised \$1,420.35. Help beat it this year. Register online by joining the Glenview United Methodist Church team: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/northbrookil>. or, sign up after service, or, if you wish, make a check to Church World Service or CWS, memo CROP Walk

"Thank you, Glenview UMC!" "We couldn't have done it without you!" Those are among the words of gratitude we heard from Chester Lacey as he called out over the loudspeaker to alert the neighborhood to Olivet's "Back 2 School Block Party". He was so right! You filled to overflowing our collection bin with school supplies for kids through teens. In addition, it took a humongous tote to hold all the "undies" and socks you donated. What a difference you are making in the lives of these young people and their families this school year.

Special thanks to those who joined me to carpool down to help at the event: Ashley Chacko (with son, Ari!), Pastor Eun-Hye, Linda Duback, Marilyn Robb, and Shari Staten! A group of mission forward GUMC'ers forever to be known as the "Superb Sisterly Sextuplet, and son, of GUMC"! We loaded and unloaded donations, sorted items, filled backpacks, divided up undies into little labelled baggies, helped in set-up of distribution tables on lawn, handed out backpacks/undies /clothes-shoes, and food! Fresh grilled hotdogs, sandwiches! Plus, juice boxes, chips, and rice Krispies treats donated by GUMC. It was quite the party – a D.J. was spinning discs, a barber was cutting hair, people were singing and dancing "in the street." The day was full of joy thanks to the contributions of four congregations: Olivet and its three sister churches (Euclid Avenue, Glenview, and Hinsdale. Mission work is Teamwork! Thank you, thank you, thank you Glenview! – Diana Berger, Mission & Service Ministries

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Missions & Service Ministry

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Sabbath Garden Rededication, Sunday, Sept. 1: The Sabbath Garden has been upgraded and signage will be unveiled. A brief rededication ceremony will be immediately after the church service. Weather permitting, refreshments will be served near the garden.

Food Pantry

For over 50 years our congregation has been donating to the Maine and Northfield Township food pantries. Each pantry serves hundreds of families each month that are struggling with food insecurity. Besides food, items there is a need for are non-food items. They need toiletries ((toothpaste, soap, shampoo), paper products (toilet paper, paper towels) and household cleaning supplies. Also, in the summer we donate fresh produce which is grown in our church garden. The items you bring in are taken to one of the pantries on a rotating basis.



Please help us continue to help our neighbors by donating. Food barrels are located next to the social hall and across from the church office. Remember the pantries will not accept opened, damaged, or expired food. Also, please do not donate large food service size. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping others!



Loose Coins and Singles

All loose coins and singles in the offering plates will go to *Howard Brown Health and Broadway Youth Center*. You can also donate by scanning this QR Code and choosing Loose Coins from the options.



New Address!

Ann and Bob Rowlands
309 Rosenfelder Ct.
Geneva, IL 60134



They're Coming!

Be sure to attend our Fall Kick-off event on September 8! Olivette UMC will join us for worship, preaching, singing and fellowship! Let us show them our hospitality and love!

MIDWEST

disaster relief • education



MISSION

health • micro business

Rice Meal Pack Event

Our goal is to feed **7,200** people so we will be packing **1200** bags.

Date: October 13, 2024

Time: 11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Social Hall, Glenview United Meth. Church
727 N. Harlem Ave., Glenview, IL 60025

How to sign up: On line: Sign up Genius

www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DAAA72BAAFE3-50711339-theblessing

Sundays at church or call Mary Bently 913-396-1258

Come for a time of great fellowship and great impact!

Ages 5 and up and all abilities are welcome. If child care is needed contact Ethel Doyle 847-975-0361

1 Rice Meal Bag costs \$2 and feeds 6 people.

The Lib Nightingale Mission Fund is covering the costs for the meal bags and expenses. Your monetary donation for MMDC is encouraged and/or a donation of some of the items listed on the reverse side. All, and your prayers, are greatly appreciated and will help people in great need.

Collection boxes will be at the Social Hall door. Thank you.

A light lunch will be served after the meal pack is finished.

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

Place all items in the resealable plastic bag

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\$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-handed 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-handed 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.

Update from the GUMC Trustees Committee:

The Trustees Committee is a dedicated committee whose purpose is to be the watchful eye of the building and surrounding property. Thanks to their level of detail, commitment and understanding of the church's needs, the trustees are able to make informed decisions in a fast-paced manner, with limited resources at our disposal.

In cooperation with the other GUMC committees, the trustees were able to work together to make decisions concerning the church and its current and future needs. Our accomplishments make the trustees proud of what has been done in the last 12 months. Some are small, and some are large, but all were needed to make our campus and church, safer, and more functional. The following is a list of work that has been done (in no particular order):

1. Interior doors into the Social Hall have a new locking system to secure the doors in an emergency*
2. New security door into the preschool wing *
3. Room 8 has been updated and beautified for our youngest Sunday School members.
4. June campus work day. 30 dedicated members came to clear the outside overgrowth along the preschool wing and to deep clean the kitchen.
5. Maintenance on the senior parsonage gutters.
7. Paint and update weather proofing on secondary parsonage.
8. Tree clearing on the south side parking lot. West of parsonage along Harlem Avenue to be completed soon.
9. Negotiations with preschool for a new 5 year contract.
10. ADA accessible ramp to the stage in the social hall.

The ADA ramp has been a tremendous project that has come together with the aid of architect, Bill Murphy, and carpenters Chris Ferrone, Ed Porrett, Curt Corbige, Michel Agriopoulos, Jane Furch and Janet Ferrone. We are grateful for North Shore Dance and Theater to bring to our attention an area where we could be more inclusive to the people of our community.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please reach out to any of the trustee members.
Thank you for your continued love and support of GUMC!

Chris Ferrone, Jane Furch, Ed Porrett, Curt Corbige, Julie Murphy, Dick Schweers

**items were paid for by the grant secured last year by GUMC, Glenview Methodist Preschool School, and Wesley Child Care.*



“Connecting with others through
Mission, Music, and Ministry.”

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

GUMC FALL KICK-OFF

WE WELCOME
OLIVET UMC

SEPTEMBER 8
10:00 A.M. Come for worship
and stay for lunch!

- ✓ Worship
- ✓ Choir
- ✓ Sunday School
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Games
- ✓ Music

See You There!

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

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