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Mission, Music, and Ministry.”

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*Your Complete Guide to  
Advent at GUMCI*

Dear friends,

It feels like yesterday when our communication director, Janet Ferrone, asked us to submit the pictures of our pets to make a pet calendar of our church. That calendar now has only one page left. I enjoyed getting to know your pets. It is already almost December, and we are preparing for the season of Advent and Christmas. Yes, we decorate our church for Advent and Christmas, but they are not just decorations. Each light, each ornament, each wreath, each candle, and each symbol have the meaning of Christmas, the birth of the Christ Child. I know you will soon be decorating your homes for Christmas. I hope you go through each decoration and share the stories of them with your loved ones. I hope you remember who made them, who gave them to you, or when, where, and why you bought them.

There are more than decorations in the season of Advent and Christmas. Starting on December 1 with the Hanging of the Greens and the Family Christmas Craft Making Event, we will have special worship service on each Sunday, Evening Prayer Service on each Monday, Advent Bible studies on each Wednesday, our annual Schram Chapel service, Mission and Outreach programs, Cookie Baking and Cookie Sale, and many fellowship opportunities. Please read through this Advent/Christmas Calendar.

Through all these worship services, programs and activities, I hope that we open our eyes, hearts, and ears to the voices of Angels who bring us messages from God as they did a long time ago to Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, Shepherd, and Wisemen. On the first Sunday of Advent (December 1) you will receive an angel card with Communion to pray with during the Advent season. Let us prepare our hearts for the coming Messiah, Christ Child!

Peace,  
Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

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# Tis the Season

## The Mitten and More Tree!

### Share the Gift of Warmth!

*The Mitten and More Tree is back for another happy season of sharing the warmth of our congregation with neighbors in need. Our M&M Tree stands by the entry to our sanctuary, greeting each of us as we enter and offering its boughs for gifts of mittens, mittens, and more than mittens. Choose a favorite bough or two and deck them with glorious and colorful mittens, scarves, hats, gloves, woolly socks, slippers, earmuffs, sweaters, blankets, quilts, and whatever else might please a person on a chilly eve. Help deck the tree with a bumper crop of cozy apparel and accoutrements. Periodically during the Advent and Christmas season, your gifts will be delivered to our sister church, Olivet UMC's neighborhood warming ministry and to Care for Real's clients, many of whom are recent migrants to our chilly winter climate. The Tree will be up through Twelfth Night (January 5th). Your donations may also be placed in the collection bins near the Social Hall and the church office.*

## Whose Birthday Is It Anyway?

*We had a wonderful response and all names for all three programs have been taken. The opportunity to bring a wrapped, new toy for our sister church, Olivet UMC will remain open until our collection of all gifts on December 8th. The deadline for dropping off your gifts is 9:00 AM on Sunday, December 8th. They will be accepted prior to that date in the church office, during regular office hours, M-Th 10-2. Please contact Holly Porrett if you have questions. [ed.porrett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ed.porrett@sbcglobal.net)*



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

12/2 Samuel Phillips	12/3 Ellie Ventura	12/6 Trent Houdek
12/6 John Losquadro	12/6 Ismael Rejuso	12/7 Katie Jones
12/8 Lynn Heniken	12/8 Sharlene Willoughby	12/9 Greg Peterson
12/10 David Duback	12/14 Maeve Doherty	12/14 Lauren Ellis
12/14 Rebecca Gedmin	12/16 Richard Espino	12/16 Wanda Frye
12/16 Savannah Jones	12/17 Jessica Vassallo	12/18 Greg Furch
12/18 Brielle Doherty	12/18 Cindy Applebee	12/20 Rey Ramos
12/22 Holly Field	12/23 Marianne Brackey	12/24 JoAnn Minear
12/26 Holly Porrett	12/26 Maricar Ramos	12/29 Ryan Tagtmeier
12/30 Diana Berger	12/30 Drew Stryker	

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12/7 Linda and David Vassallo	12/23 Sarane and Bruce Siewerth
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Planning ahead....



"If you would like a box of 2025 Offering Envelopes for your church giving, please call or stop by the church office and you will be given one right away!"



## Sunday, December 1: First Sunday of Advent

*Worship Celebration with Communion: 10:00 a.m*

*Old Testament: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Gospel: Luke 21: 25-36*

*Message: The Time is Here!*

*Hanging of the Greens and Christmas Ornament making*

*(Craft materials and light lunch will be provided)*



## Monday, December 2: Advent Evening Prayer

*Calling all Angels: All flesh keep silent. Via zoom at 7pm.*

*Contact pastor Eun-Hye to get an Advent candle holder and zoom link*

## Wednesday, December 4: Bible Study

*10:00 a.m. All are welcome to the Advent Bible Study*

*Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79, Philippians 1:3-11 In-person and on-line at 10am in the Choir Room. Contact pastor Eun-Hye for zoom link*

## Saturday December 7: Children's Rehearsal

*9:00 am - 11:00 am It's Christmas Everywhere*



*"Whose Birthday" Gift Collection and Toys For Olivet UMC - Collection TODAY before worship.*

## Monday, December 9: Advent Evening Prayer

*Calling All Angels: Call and Response. Via zoom at 7pm*



## Wednesday, December 11: Bible Study

*In-person and on ZOOM 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to the Advent Bible Study Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6, Philippians 4: 4-7 and Luke 3: 7-18.*

## Thursday Dec 12: Community Candlelight

### Christmas at the Schram Chapel

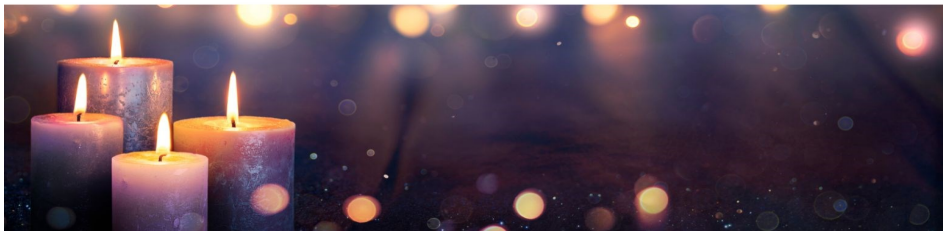
*1799 Patriot Blvd. Glenview. 7:00 p.m.*

*2 Corinthians 13:11 - "Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you."*

*The Sanctuary Choir invites you to join us for a special service of music and fellowship at Schram Chapel on Thursday, December 12th at 7:00 PM. We will present music from a variety of cultural backgrounds, celebrating the universal language of song that unites us all.*

*As we lift our voices in harmony, we are reminded of Psalm 133:1: "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" In this busy season, let us pause to come together in peace and love.*

*Save this hour for a time of blessing, as we invite you to experience the joy of unity through music. Our hearts are open and ready to receive, and we look forward to sharing this special moment with you.*



## Sunday, December 15: Third Sunday of Advent

*Worship Celebration: 9:40 a.m., We will light the Advent candle of JOY. The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*

*The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a cherished Christmas celebration of the Christmas season, combining the beauty of scripture and song to recount the story of God's salvation. This inspiring service invites the congregation and choir to journey together through 9 bible readings interspersed with carols, choral selections and instrumental music.*



*This festival is not merely a retelling of the Christmas story; it is a call to reflection and renewal.*

*As we gather in spirit and song, The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols offers a moment of reverence and joy, preparing our hearts to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.*

*Featuring a variety of special participants, including talented instrumentalists, gifted vocalists, and dedicated choirs, the program promises to leave a lasting impression on all who attend.*

*We look forward to welcoming all to this special worship on Sunday, December 15 and hope you will join us in making it a truly memorable experience.*

**9:40 Start Time!**



## Sunday, December 15:

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*Cookie Sale at 11:15 a.m., Kitchen Window by Social Hall  
Need some treats for the holiday season? Stop by the kitchen window across from the social hall to after worship and visit the*

*United Women in Faith's Cookie Sale. Purchase a variety of pre-packaged holiday cookies for your family and friends. Proceeds benefit Missions. \$10 per box. Reserve your box with any dietary restrictions by contacting the church office.*

## Monday, December 16: Advent

### Evening Prayer

*Calling all Angels: Hopes and fears of all the years.*

*Via zoom at 7pm*

## Wednesday, December 18:

### Bible Study

*In-person and on ZOOM 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to the Advent Bible Study Micha 5:2-5, Luke 1:46-55, Hebrews 10:5-10. In-person or on-line in the Choir Room at 10am*



## Friday, December 20: Youth Christmas Party

*All GUMYouth (grades 6th-12th) Christmas Party! Caroling and Lock In (dinner and snacks provided) and going through 6am pick up on Saturday morning December 21st! Be sure to bring your pillows and sleeping bags/blankets and maybe an air mattress too!*

## Sunday, December 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Worship Celebration: 10:00 a.m., Micha 5:2-5 and Luke 1:39-45. Message: Angels Among Us*

## Monday December 23; Advent Evening Prayer

*Calling All Angels: Sacred Disruptions. Via zoom at 7pm*



**Tuesday December 24 Christmas Eve**

*Candlelight Service at 4pm*

*Psalm 96 and Luk 3 2:1-10*

*Special Music, Christmas message for children*

*Three Christmas Words by Three Pastors*



**December 29: First Sunday after Christmas**

**Day** *Worship Celebration: 10:00 a.m.,*

*1Samuel 2: 18-26, Psalm 148, Colossians 3: 12-17, Luke 2: 41-52. Message: Preteen Jesus*

**Book Club!**



**BOOK**  
*Discussion*  
**Tuesday**  
**December 3**  
**7pm Parlor**

A fateful secret.  
A chance encounter.  
And a love that may stand the test of time. . . .

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

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Ready to read for January? Then check out our next book: *Comfort and Joy* by Kristen Hannah.

Discussion: January 7 at 7 p.m.

# Missions & Service Ministry

## Fire truck to Midwest Mission

Have you ever felt a tremendous attachment to an inanimate object? I did recently – especially Thursday, 11/14/24, when we did a brief word and blessing for a 20 year old Glenview fire truck. If I told you, you are going to be driving to Miami to be put on a ship to go to Guatemala, would I make any sense to you? Probably not. Well, you are in spirit going with “our” Glenview fire truck as it heads to Guatemala to help people who suffer from epidemics, natural disasters, and war – sent through us as a church from the Glenview Fire Dept via Midwest Mission. The story:

Last summer in our Mission & Service committee we reviewed a list of items that Midwest Mission receives to do the incredible work they do around the world. I thought from that list – “Hmmm, maybe I can get some fire gear” – the protective clothing fire fighters wear. When my kids were young, my mantra to them was “Ask. If you don’t ask the answer is an automatic ‘No.’ If you do ask, the answer might be ‘Yes.’” So I asked. But the answer to the gear was ‘No, we give our somewhat worn gear to the Fire Academy for training new firefighters.” But after asking and talking with Glenview’s Fire Chief Tony DeRose for a couple of months about a fire truck for Midwest Mission he called last week to say, “Hi, if you’re still interested I have a fire truck for you!” The fire truck donated to us left Glenview on a flat bed truck last Thursday for Midwest Mission near Springfield with our blessing. Miraculous timing - It arrived at MM 4 hours later as they were in the middle of their semi-annual board meeting, hosting members from nine states. They were impressed, happy and grateful!

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The fire truck will go Guatemala, to the Order of Malta, the oldest humanitarian organization in the western world that aids people suffering from many disasters and is a partner with Midwest Mission. God works with us in glorious ways, taking one kernel of an idea, giving it fire, and bursting that kernel into a reality that we can only say - “I can’t believe we pulled this off!”

Look for the story in the 11/21/24 Glenview Journal, on the GUMC Facebook page, in 11/15/24 Glenview Village newsletter, and on the Village website and Facebook page. We are thankful to the Village of Glenview, the Fire Department and all involved in this incredible mission to send help where needed. Keep all in your prayers.

*Glenview United Methodist Church,  
Mission & Service Committee*

### Prayer To Keep All That Is Precious

*What I have learned to cherish in this life  
I am sure will not be vanquished in the next  
As I have come to love my family on earth  
So may I understand my larger family hereafter  
Those things which I hold dear now  
I rely on God not to diminish  
He our living trust in whom all hope is brought forth  
Tis our Fate to love, lose and regain love like our Jesus  
May the shadows of our souls be cast in His light  
And let those shadows have substance  
Which fingers cannot touch.*

Michel Agriopoulos  
Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011



In the past two hundred years, a new element has found its place in our Christmas celebration. It is from the Christian practices and symbols in Mexico that we have adopted this tradition. In the very early part of the 19th century, an American, Joel Poinsett, who served the United States as an ambassador spent a tour of duty in Mexico. He admired the dramatic beauty of the bright red poinsettia that grew rooftop high and bloomed profusely at Christmas. He was awed when Mexican Christians told him why the bright red poinsettias were a part of their celebration of the birth and life of Christ.



In Mexico, the story goes like this: The Bethlehem star shone over the manger where Jesus was born. Its light so bright the earth responded, reflecting that star light, receiving that star light, mirroring that star light with a beautiful flower - star shaped, radiant shaped, pure white petals, golden star centers. In Mexican lore, it was always the Flower of the Holy Night. It grew on earth as a creation to glorify and commemorate that Holy Night... "For the stars shout forth the glory of God."

Then came the tragic day when Jesus died on the cross and the blossoms changed. Flower of the Holy Night remembered the sacrifice of the Christ by becoming star-shaped, radiant blood red petals with golden centers.

Now, everywhere on cards and on trees, in churches and in our homes, the poinsettia takes its place; reminding us of a Holy Night, pointing to a Good Friday.

*Help beautify our sanctuary and order your Poinsettia today. Return the enclosed order form to the church office or offering plate on Sunday.*

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