

GLENVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE VISITOR



FROM THE PASTOR

Friends,

As we approach this Thanksgiving season, our hearts are filled with a deep sense of both gratitude and reflection. This year has been marked by immense trials—wars still raging in Ukraine and Middle East, natural disasters that have left communities in distress in Florida and South Carolina, mistrust and confusion of the election season, and personal challenges that many of us have faced. It may seem hard to give thanks when the world around us is in turmoil. Yet, it is precisely in these moments of hardship that we are called to remember the steadfast love and faithfulness of our God.

Psalms 100 says, *"Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth! Know that the Lord is God; He made us, we belong to him."* Because God is our Creator and God is our home, we can shout triumphantly to the world that we have hope, and we are hope!

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ADVENTURES WITH BETH AND GREG

I feel like Fall really snuck up on us this year, maybe the unseasonably warm weather made it feel like we never left September! As we enter the month of November all of our attention shifts towards our Family Ministries Advent/Christmas Program on Sunday December 8th..***It's Christmas Everywhere!***

Beginning with Sunday, November 3rd, and each of the next 5 Sundays, we will be working with the children and youth during Sunday school. The Dress Rehearsal is set for Saturday, December 7th, from 9am until 11am. There will be an early arrival on Sunday, December 8, with the exact time TBD. It's imperative that you have your child, or children, there each Sunday as we prepare for the program. Thanks so much for your cooperation.

Middle and High Schoolers save the date - Friday, December 20th at 4:30pm until Saturday, December 21st at 6am for our...

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Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service

Join in this Thanksgiving tradition in Glenview! People of faith from different traditions and denominations will join together to give thanks.

Tuesday, November 26 at 7:30

St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church

3535 Thornwood Avenue

Glenview, IL 60025

Sponsored by:

The Glenview Clergy Association



Jim and Pat Glass
2601 Chestnut Avenue
Apt. 3210
Glenview, IL 60026

Mitten Tree Time!

'Tis (almost) the Season for us to be Jolly, so let's switch all our dreams to Trees decked with Mittens and Holly.

November 24th is the day the Mittens and More Tree of 2024 will debut in its favorite winter abode: our sanctuary. M&M will abide with us until Twelfth Night (Jan 5, 2025), which is the last of the Twelve Days of Christmas. The day when twelve percussionists began beating their drums and, more importantly, the day when the Magi finally made it to the manger to see Baby Jesus. This year's tree has the potential to be a real crowd pleaser, but it may need your help to realize its full potential. If you have a vision for what the ideal M&M Tree should be, share your thoughts with GUMC's professional tree wrangler as soon as possible. You just might see your dream unfold and inspire the bounty on the tree to expand like a chorus of cicadas at their 17-year reunion. Together we can make this year's harvest a bumper crop of love for our sister church, Olivet UMC's neighborhood warming ministries in the form of mittens, scarves, hats, gloves, coats, sweaters, socks, blankets, and more. With a bumper crop we will also be able to support Care for Real's clients, many of whom are recent migrants into our chilly winter climate.

For Questions, contact: Holiday Helper Diana Berger (773-640-7812) or Tree Wrangler Mark Netherland (847-337-2417)



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I am deeply thankful for each one of you. During uncertainty, you have continued to support one another, to pray, and to extend love and generosity beyond the walls of our church. This is the true spirit of Thanksgiving—not just a day on the calendar, but a life lived in constant awareness of God's blessings, even when they come wrapped in challenges.

We lift up in prayer those who have been directly affected by war and disasters. Let us remember the refugees, the families grieving loss, and the communities working to rebuild. This Thanksgiving, let us give thanks not only for the blessings we can see but also for the unseen ways in which God is working in the midst of our pain. Let us hold fast to the hope that Christ brings, a hope that no storm can destroy, and no conflict can diminish.

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts this Thanksgiving, and may we, as a church family, continue to be a beacon of hope and light in a world that so desperately needs it.

With gratitude for your gratitude,
Eun-Hye Choi, pastor



Consecration Sunday (November 10)

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9)

The Finance Committee of Glenview UMC appreciates your financial support for all missions and ministries of the church. The Stewardship letter, pledge card, and Electronic Fund Transfer form were mailed to you recently. Please return your pledge card (and EFT form) to the church office, or to the offering plates in the Sanctuary on Sunday morning by November 10. We will consecrate our gifts to God's ministries. If you didn't receive the pledge card or if you want to receive a pledge card via email please call the church office at 847-729-1015 or email the church office at office@glenviewumc.org. If you have any questions about Electronic Giving please visit the church website at glenviewumc.org/donate or call the treasurer, Jim Locke at 847-702-8152. If you would like to discuss the finances of our church, please contact pastor Eun-Hye Choi at 847-525-7261 or echoi@glenviewumc.org.

The Finance Committee of Glenview UMC

Thank You!

Thank You for Support of
"The Evening in Venice"!

"The Evening in Venice" was a spectacular event to socialize with church friends and family. The Italian food was DELICIOUS, and it was an outstanding success! We raised \$4,200!!

A special thanks to Curt Corbige, Karen Daniels, Sue Acer, Doris Stengl, Janet Ferrone, Pastor Eun-Hye Choi, Barb Galarza, Sharlene Willoughby, Ed Porrett, Scott Daniels, Michel Agriopoulos, Joyce Fridell, Jan Hutchins, Jan Jeffery, Ethel Doyle, Tita Gimeno, Tom Hutchins, Sheri Staten, Anna Parry, Allison Parry, Cindy Applebee, Holly Porrett, Liz and Guy Mylander, Janet Conlin, Sharon and Jim Gernady, Judy Knoblock, Sarane and Bruce Siewerth, Annette and Tom Johnson and Lydia Larrick for work done to prepare food, reservations, event flyers, event set-up, decorations, music, silent auction donations, clean-up finance and more. The event became possible only through the dedicated time and effort made by all of you. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Adventures with Beth & Greg

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GUMYouth Caroling and Christmas Party Lock In! This is sure to be a fun evening, please be sure to join us!

Starting Sunday, November 10 and continuing until Sunday, November 24, please stop by to sign the **Congregation Christmas Card** and help us raise funds for GUMYouth events and programs. There is a suggested minimum donation of \$5, but we'd surely be happy to accept larger donations if you insist! Cash or Checks are accepted. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support of GUMYouth!

See you in Church!
Greg and Beth



Get ready to "sleigh" the holidays! Our talented young performers are excited to present *Elf the*

Musical Jr.! Join us for a heartwarming adventure filled with laughter and cheer. Bring your family and friends to share in the magic—after all, the best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!

Friday, November 22nd at 7pm
Saturday, November 23rd at 2pm
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Sunday, November 24th at 2pm

Adults: \$14 - Children (12 + Under): \$12
Purchase tickets at the door. All child tickets include a FREE selfie with Santa!
All shows are held at Glenview United Methodist Church

Ruth Handler and her Dream Doll

Tales in History
Lynn Rymarz, storyteller, author

November 2
10:00 a.m. Brunch



Put on your pink and step back in time to 1994, the 35th anniversary of Mattel's bestselling doll *Barbie*. Join Storyteller Lynn Rymarz as she portrays Ruth Handler, the creator of Barbie. Lynn will share Ruth's autobiography, a vintage Barbie, photos, posters and more. Bring your Barbie!

Tickets:
\$20/adults
\$10/children
\$25 adult/\$15 Children
at the door

Scan Here to
purchase tickets.
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Bible Study

Join the Bible study Wednesdays at 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.

Congratulations

On October 27th, GUMC confirmed three young adults, Parleen Macwan, Gabriela Gonzalez and Joaquin Gonzalez. Joaquin also received the sacrament of Baptism. We give thanks for their commitment and welcome them to our household of faith!

Please remember to turn in your 2025 pledge card. Extras are available at church on Sunday, or you can call the office and have one mailed to you from the church office. Thank you!



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Book Club!

November book: *Prequel* will be discussed November 12 at 7:00. Ready to read for December? Then check out our next book:

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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All Saints Sunday

On **All Saints' Day**, we publicly remember and honor those who have passed away. Celebrated on the first Sunday in November, November 3, we will light candles, ring bells of remembrance, and call the names of those we lost in this past year as a way of honoring the impact their lives have had on us.



Calling all GUMC Photographers! Do you enjoy taking pictures? Want to help our church? Our church needs you!! Efforts are underway to develop a new booklet to highlight the service our church brings to the community. As part of it we would like to feature select photos invocative of our awesome church and its mission to our community. Consideration is being given to conducting a church or community photo contest after the holidays! We need your photos and ideas to develop these initiatives, and have fun doing it, too! If of interest, please call Scott Daniels, Member Engagement, at 847-903-7853, or email him at skdaniels1@gmail.com.



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

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

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| 11/5 Derek Johnson | 11/11 Michel Agriopoulos | |
| 11/11 Mikko Espino | 11/11 Parleen Macwan | |
| 11/11 Jeremiah Rejuso | 11/13 Vicky Ready | |
| 11/14 Damian Neuberger | 11/14 Robin Woitesek | |
| 11/15 Anne Dierbeck | 11/15 Ryan Granzow | 11/15 Geary Larrick |
| 11/15 Calvin Sailer | 11/17 Cindy Berg | 11/17 Judy Keenan |
| 11/17 Veronica Macwan | 11/20 Taylor Woitesek | 11/21 Elyse Martinsen |
| 11/22 Tim Chorvat | 11/22 Seth Mohr | 11/23 Tyson Espino |
| 11/25 Della Deme | 11/25 Beckham Kowski | 11/25 Doris Stengl |
| 11/27 William Doherty | 11/27 Haley Ferrone | 11/27 Kathy Hurley-Chatfield |
| 11/28 Caroline Berg | 11/30 Sally Lankford | 11/30 Kristin Davis |



- 11/12 Sharon and Jim Gernady
- 11/17 Cindy and Dean Carlson
- 11/18 Christine and Steve Miskovic
- 11/20 Becky and Mark Netherland
- 11/25 Janet and Brian Conlin
- 11/29 Peggy and John Curkov
- 11/30 Julie and Bill Murphy



Missions & Service Ministry



To All who participated in the Meal Pack Event -

Thank You to all the GUMC members and friends, including the GBS Interact Club and the Gelfand Foundation, for your service and donations which made our Midwest Mission Distribution Center Meal Pack Event a tremendous success. On Sunday, October 13, you packed 1,200 bags of meals that will feed 7,200 hungry people! Your joy in serving was amazing and inspirational! MMDC will let us know when and to where our boxes of meals will be sent. We plan to forward that information to you when we receive it. Again, many, many thanks to you all for giving your time and money to help others.

CROP Walk – Thank you GUMC!!!

Thanks to all of you who donated and walked for the Glenbrook Crop Hunger Walk October 6 at the Northfield Community Church. Through your contributions and participation GUMC donated \$1,036. The Glenbrook Hunger Walk participating churches earned over \$35,000 for Church World Service. All proceeds are used by CWS to provide food, medical care, disaster relief, and self- help development for people in need, locally and around the world. 25%of the money raised by the Glenbrook Hunger Crop Walk will be distributed to the Northfield and West Deerfield Township Food Pantries. Thank you!!

Missions & Service Ministries, Thanks to Sheri Staten, GUMC CROP Walk Coordinator



Loose Coins and Singles

All loose coins and singles in the offering plates will go to **Curt's Café**. Curt's Café offers a much needed program for at risk or formerly incarcerated youth. You can also donate by scanning this QR Code and choosing "Loose Coins" from the options.



Another opportunity to serve is coming November 17th. On November 17th , we will be preparing snacks for the children attending the Glenview Youth Services Study Buddies Program. Please join Curtis in the kitchen after worship to help.

Missions & Service Ministry Continued

Whose Birthday is it, Anyway?

The holiday season will be upon us shortly, and we are again happy to usher in the thirty-ninth year of our church's participation in the "Whose Birthday is it, Anyway?" program. As an important mission of our church, to share our blessings with those in need, this program reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas and the reason we celebrate the season.

For those unfamiliar with this beloved program, it offers us the opportunity to purchase gifts for those less fortunate than us. Our gifts will be the only ones received by many of the recipients this season. The agencies we will support this year are:

Inspired Youth Tutoring Program – grade school and middle school age children

Methodist Youth Services – High School students

Glenview Terrace – Seniors

Olivet United Methodist Church – Preschool through middle school age children

Please note our sign-up schedule for this year:

- Sunday, November 3, sign-up in person, after church
- Tuesday, November 5, sign-up on-line, using Sign-Up Genius. The link will be provided through the church website (use the Calendar/Events tab) and the e-newsletter. It will be available continuously until all names have been taken.
- Sunday, November 10, sign-up in person, after church
- Sunday, December 8, all wrapped gifts are due in the parlor between 9:00 and 10:00. They should be wrapped and tagged with the Agency Name, Number, and Recipient's name. Drop them off in the church parlor on your way into church or bring them to the church office during the week before December 8th—Monday—Thursday 10a.m. to 2 p.m.

Your willingness to sign up to purchase gifts for so many children, young adults, and seniors is heartwarming.

Holly Porrett
Missions & Service Committee
847-729-8983





The Membership Team invites you to join the new **Supper Club!** There are two dinner options. **In House-** where 6-8 people get together and the host cooks the meal, or the host can cook the main

dish and the other people bring the sides. The second way to participate in the supper club is to **go out** to a restaurant. One person, or couple, chooses a restaurant. (Everyone pays for themselves). Everyone will have a chance to choose a restaurant. This is a great way to meet new people and have a good time. The groups would meet for four months and then change. If you are interested, sign up on Sunday's after church or call Kay Harr at 847-724-8020, Membership Team Coordinator.

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP



FUN EVENT FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Come and make 4 different festive Christmas ornaments in this fun workshop hosted by Janet Conlin.

11 AM | DECEMBER 1 | SOCIAL HALL



Special Sunday! **November 24 at 10:00.** Join us in worship for our special guest preacher: District Superintendent, Rev. Victor Melad, Jr. ALL people of GUMC are encouraged to attend the church conference with Rev. Melad after worship. Find out what GUMC has been doing and where are we going!

Hanging of the Greens

With what shall we come to God's house? Bring branches of cedar and holly, bring evergreens and a pine tree, hang wreaths and garlands. In acts of hanging greens let us make our hearts, and this space, a place of inward and outward preparation for the One who comes to give us second birth.

If you are available to help with the hanging of the greens (decorating the Christmas trees) in the sanctuary, please stay after worship on Sunday, December 1.





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See the complete listing of information on the “Missions” page in this edition.

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 11:00a.m.