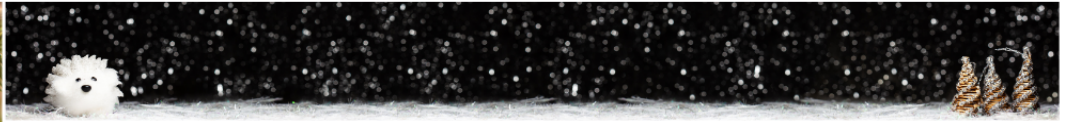


JANUARY, 2025

GLENVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE VISITOR



FROM THE PASTOR

Friends,

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, our hearts are filled with both gratitude for the past year and hope for the new year. We give thanks to God for sustaining us through the joys and challenges of the past year. A new year invites us to pause and reflect, to dream and discern, and to renew our commitment to walk as disciples of Jesus. It is a time to ask ourselves how we can more fully live out the call to love our God and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

As United Methodists, we are reminded of John Wesley's covenant prayer, which is particularly fitting at the start of a new year:

"I am no longer my own, but Yours.
Put me to what You will, rank me with whom You will;
put me to doing, put me to suffering;
let me be employed for You or laid aside for You,
exalted for You or brought low for You;
let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to Your pleasure and disposal."

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ADVENTURES WITH BETH AND GREG

Happy New Year! We hope you had a very Merry Christmas and wish you all the best in 2025! As we start this new year we will resume our Sunday School and Confirmation classes starting Sunday, January 5 during the worship service. Sunday School will meet every Sunday during the month of January while Confirmation will meet twice (the 5th and 19th).

Also during the month of January, we will be hosting our annual GUMYouth Chili Cook-off! This popular event is our biggest

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In Sympathy

We received word that a former member, Gary Grouwinkel, passed away last week. He was living in Arizona. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Be the Light!

Many adults need help with basic English reading, writing, or speaking skills. Be the light for someone and become a volunteer tutor! Call or e-mail Oakton College 847-635-1426 VITA@oakton.edu

Thank You!

Dear GUMC Holiday Helpers: Thank you so, so much for a great season of love and warmth. *The Mitten and More Tree* was filled to overflowing throughout the season, even as we removed items to pass on to our partners in service. Our friends at *Olivet UMC* and *Care for Real* are hugely grateful for all you have done for those in need in their communities. Come back next Advent & Christmastide for another season of decking our tree to provide comfort and joy to friends we may never meet in person, but who will experience the fellowship of our community.

Bookkeeping

All contributions to the church for the year 2024 must be dated December 31, 2024 and received in the office by January 6, 2025.

Delicious!

Thanks to all the very generous church members who baked cookies for this year's Christmas Cookie Sale. Thank you to all the women who helped pack the cookies and work in the kitchen! And BIG thanks to all those who bought cookies!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The relation between Christmas and the new year is one that is often missed. Sure they are only a week apart, but it is the birth, the new life of God's child in us that makes new beginnings and a new year possible. The staff at Glenview United Methodist Church wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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This prayer challenges us to place our lives fully in God's hands, trusting in his wisdom and love. As we begin 2025, may this be our collective prayer, shaping our faith, our actions, and our relationships. This year, let us resolve to bring Jesus' love to the world. Whether through acts of kindness, sharing the Gospel, or standing with those in need, we can make a difference. Let us lean on the strength of the Holy Spirit and the fellowship of our church community as we pursue the mission and ministries of our church together.

I pray that this year will be one of spiritual renewal and abundant blessings for you and your loved ones. Let us journey together with open hearts, ready to embrace the new opportunities God has prepared for us.

Happy New Year and may the peace of Christ dwell richly within you!

Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

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fundraiser for our GUMYouth summer learning and service programs and a fun social activity as well! So please be sure to save the date Sunday, January 26th immediately following the worship service. Tasting spoons are \$10 each by cash or check paid to GUMY. We need Chili Chefs to make this event a success! So please contact Greg at Petersons@glenviewumc.org if you are interested. I'll also be reaching out to all of our previous Chili Chefs, we want you back! Thank you in advance to all of our Chili Chefs and our tasters/voters.. YOU make this the popular, fun event that it has become!

Last summer GUMC hosted the Climate and Faith Youth Summit where youth learned about climate change and its disproportionate impact based on an area's socioeconomic status and the people that live there. Summer 2025 we will put our work into action. The HEAL Well program works to combat environmental injustices focusing on urban heat islands and food deserts in the greater Chicago area. Work includes attending educational sessions and serving the area by planting trees and working with community gardens. Any GUMYouth and/or their parents are invited to attend their once a month online educational sessions. Information regarding the summer mission work is forthcoming. GUMYouth will also be attending their once solar panel information presentation on January 12 following the worship service.

See you in Church!

Greg and Beth

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

1/1 Creed Kowski	1/1 Joanne Richter	1/7 Jim Gernady
1/8 Barbara Cordell	1/9 Fulton Vasquez	1/10 Korey Holzhueter
1/12 Pat Glass	1/12 Judy Neuberger	1/14 Renelle Agriopoulos
1/14 Angela Koenigs	1/16 Ethel Doyle	1/18 Julie Radman
1/19 Cathy Stryker	1/19 David Randle	1/21 Howard Twedde, III
1/22 Jacob Risley	1/24 Izzy Janke	1/25 Amber Potter
1/29 Barb Galarza	1/29 Sarane Siewerth	1/31 Melanie Cummings



1/27 Grace Murphy

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1/18 Judy and Damian Neuberger
1/22 Joanne and Larry Brand



Flowers

We invite our congregants and guests to commemorate a special occasion, such as a birthday , anniversary, or a child’s special achievement by hosting Alter Flowers on Sunday. Sign up for a Sunday in the Social Hall or call the church office. The arrangement is yours to take home after worship.

Coffee Fellowship

Coffee Fellowship is an ideal opportunity to come together to renew existing relationships and to form new ones Please consider providing treats one Sunday this year. Sign-up outside the social hall or call the church office to request a date. Coffee and paper goods are supplied.

Missions & Service Ministry

All loose coins and singles in the offering plates will go to World Central Kitchen.

Food is essential to life every day all over the world. World Central Kitchen is the first to respond with fresh prepared chef made meals where ever the crisis is and whatever the crisis. In 2010 Chef Jose Andres headed to Haiti after a devastating earthquake. That was his first to prepare meals for those during a natural disaster. Since preparing the first few times in countries experiencing emer-



Loose Coins and Singles

gencies he and his team have served meals to people all over the world who need assistance. From California forest fires where they assess food and water needs to Gaza where they have distributed over 75 million meals to families. Help World Central Kitchen to provide nourishing freshly pre-



pared meals and to provide hope.

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.



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.

Book Club News!

Join in reading these great Titles for the Book Club!

January 7th - *Comfort and Joy* by Kristen Hannah

February 4th - *March* by Geraldine Brooks.

Everyone is welcome to attend the discussions at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor.

Happy
New Year

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