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GLENVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE VISITOR



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FROM THE PASTOR

Friends,

Many of you have told me, we are having really difficult times personally and collectively. Starting with the presidential election last November, shocking news keeps shaking me badly, such as the declaration of Marshal Law by the ex-president, Seck-Rul Yoon, in South Korea in December, huge wild fires in Southern California which made my sister's family evacuate twice in January, miserable treatment by our new government with refugees, immigrants, and federal workers, horrible political revenge by the new president, the fear that our LGBTQ and trans-gender friends experience, soaring price on food and essential products, and serious illness affecting my family and church. So, my seasonal winter depression doesn't seem like it will get better anytime soon. I share my story with you in the hope that if you feel shaken and hopeless, you are not alone.

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ADVENTURES WITH BETH AND GREG

Our Confirmation students have been working on what it means as a Christian to be Methodist, most recently trying to understand having free will with an omnipresent and omnipotent God. They have explored their faith through considering decision making using scripture, tradition, experience and reasoning, learned about different ways to pray and express their faith, and contemplating the Methodist perspective on perfection and grace. We continue our work in March by learning about Worship, Holy Communion and salvation. In March we meet on the 2nd, 16th and 30th.

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

Sheri Staten Orpha Laurie
Greg Furch Kay Harr
Ted Sawicz



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

Thank You!

I believe I speak for all of us 1950s and 1960s "long-termers" at GUMC, when I say what a delightful acknowledgement Sunday, February 16, was. It was unexpected and touching. Thank you to all those who helped make it so nice with the beautiful flowers, and the special cake and treats. Thank you to Judy Knoblock for organizing it.

~Jane Furch

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Some of you asked me what we should do in times like these. Some people suggest that we need to focus on local politics and participate actively. Some people suggest that everything is cyclic, and we better not invest too much emotion in the current situation. Also, some people say that if egg prices come down and the stock market holds up, everything is well, and our nation is going in the right direction. In the midst of many different opinions, experiences, feelings, suggestions, and solutions, I chose two things to practice. I try not to pay attention to TV news including political commentaries. I try to read the news instead so that I take time to think about what I read rather than to be consumed emotionally. Also, I try to have a daily rhythm with reading the Bible, praying regularly, listening to favorite music, and resting. I keep praying that I am ready and willing whenever the time comes for me to act on justice and mercy for the marginalized in our nation and community.

GUMC has many opportunities to experience Lent on a deeper level. I invite you to join me in a daily Lenten practice, the first one starting on Ash Wednesday as a rhythm of healthy spirituality and life. You may sign up to receive a daily Lenten meditation, which is based on Kate Bowler's book, **Good Enough**. You may participate in the weekly Bible study on Wednesday mornings. You may participate in the weekly Lenten program, "Soup and Substance" on Wednesday evenings. This year's theme is Christianity and History. You may participate in Sunday worship with music, prayer, and words and fellowship with Christian friends. If you want to play a musical instrument, or share your witnesses and stories for the common worship, please let me know. Liturgy, in other word, worship service, means the work of the people who want to serve God. Through Lenten practices we may see beyond human horizons and grow in trust in God. May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

Eun-Hye Choi, pastor



Are you interested in receiving a daily Lenten devotion? Daily devotionals in Lent will be emailed to you starting on **March 6**. All you need to do is let the church office (office@glenviewumc.org) know that you want to receive the daily devotional. This

year's Lenten devotional will be based on Kate Bowler's book **Good Enough**. Kate Bowler is the author of **Everything Happens for a Reason** and **No Cure for Being Human**. As a Duke Divinity school professor, young mother, and stage VI cancer survivor, she tells North American Christians that life becomes both hard and beautiful when we abandon certainty and illusion of control in our lives. Following her daily devotionals this Lent we may learn to live our Christian life not as a pursuit of endless progress but as a chronic condition.

*March 13th will be the discussion on **The Women** by Kristin Hannah. Everyone is welcome to attend the discussions at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor.*

A book club poster for "The First Ladies" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. The poster features a blue background on the right with the text "BOOK Club" in large yellow and white letters, "April 1" in white, and "7:00 p.m." in white. Below that, it says "Discussion will be led by Marilyn Robb" in white. On the left, there is a book cover for "The First Ladies" showing two women in period clothing standing in a field with the Washington Monument in the background. The text on the book cover includes "MARIE BENEDICT and VICTORIA CHRISTOPHER MURRAY", "A NOVEL", "The FIRST LADIES", and "NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHORS OF THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN".

The daughter of formerly enslaved parents, Mary McLeod Bethune refuses to back down as white supremacists attempt to thwart her work. She marches on as an activist and an educator, and as her reputation grows she becomes a celebrity, revered by titans of business and recognized by U.S. Presidents. Eleanor Roosevelt herself is awestruck and eager to make her acquaintance. Initially drawn together because of their shared belief in women's rights and the power of education, Mary and Eleanor become fast friends confiding their secrets, hopes and dreams—and holding each other's hands through tragedy and triumph.

Recognition Sunday!

Our Recognition Sunday was a special event for those members who joined in the 1950's and 1960's because of the help of staff and volunteers.

I want to thank our Pastor Eun-Hye Choi, Doris Stengl, Janet Ferrone, Scott and Karen Daniels, Lydia Larrick, Helen Jo Ellis, and Linda Kleckner. You each played a special part in making this a lovely event and it could not have been done without your help.

Judy Knoblock,
Membership Engagement

Adventures with Beth & Greg

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Our GUMYouth have been exploring ways to help heal the planet and its people with a message of hope with action amid climate change that disproportionately impacts persons living in poverty, persons of color, and indigenous people.

Using the *Care for Creation Advocate Resolution* from the **United Methodist 2024 Annual Conference**, our youth have been exploring action items that they and our church can take in fulfilling our calling as Christians to take care of the earth. Creating and/or sharing a Lenten calendar that connects faith to creation care and climate justice was one of the items that youth thought we should do. Therefore the weekly family devotions this Lent will be focused on actions families can take toward being climate optimists. Using the examples and suggestion from the Northern Illinois Conference's *Net Zero Task Force* as well as joining efforts with the NIC's *HEAL Well* team, this spring and summer GUMYouth will continue to work on putting their ideas into action.

Finally, new to GUMC is our 20-30 something group. Based on interest from current 20-30 year olds at GUMC, we have started an official group to support adults in their 20s to 30s, one of the demographics in our church that did not have programming specifically for them. Our inaugural meeting was in February when we met for dinner at church, played a fun game of Herd Mentality and did some initial planning. The goal of the group is two fold - social gatherings as well as mission work. The next gathering is on Friday, March 21st from 6-9 pm, meeting for dinner (making pizza together) and fun as well as planning the groups next steps.

See you in Church!

Beth and Greg



Glenview will stick up its chin, grin, and sing "Tomorrow! Tomorrow!" as we bring the world's best-loved, award-winning musical to life with our upcoming performances of **Annie Kids!** Join us for a heartwarming journey filled with sunshine, smiles, and unforgettable tunes. While there's no official dress code, the cast wants to remind you that you're "never fully dressed without a smile!"

Friday, March 7th at 7pm

Saturday, March 8th at 2pm or 7pm

Sunday, March 9th at 2pm

All shows held at GUMC! Tickets available at the door.

Dinner Around the World!

Join members of our congregation and guests Saturday, March 8 at 6PM for a fun evening at *Iron Age Korean Barbeque*, where we'll be celebrating great food, fantastic company, and unforgettable moments! It's an event you won't want to miss, filled with delicious dishes, drinks, and delightful company. Come hungry and ready to enjoy the best of what Iron Age Korean Barbeque has to offer! Please let Doris in the Church office know if you're able to attend by Sunday, March 2, 2025.

- Event: "Dinner around the World"!
- Date: Saturday, March 8, 2025
- Time: 6PM
- Location: Iron Age Korean Steak House, 4513 W Lake Ave, Glenview, IL 60025
- Cost: \$29 per person for the all-you-can eat option, plus more for beverages, tax, and tips. The typical cost is approximately \$50 per person
- RSVP: Email or call the Church office by Sunday, March 2, 2025.



Our 62nd Annual Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, March 28 and Saturday, March 29.

We will begin accepting donations on March 24. Our volunteers are looking forward to the fun and unique items you will be donating. Any questions, contact the church office.

Laughing Academy!

Join your GUMC Members & Guests for an Evening of Comedy!

On Friday, April 11, 2025, members and guests will be gathering at the *Laughing Academy* in Glenview for a fun-filled evening featuring comedian **Larry Reeb**! The fun begins at 8PM. Reserve your space now by signing up for the show at www.thelaughingacademy.com. Click on "Shows", scroll down to "**Larry Reeb and Friends**", click on "Show Info and Tickets", and follow the instructions.

Please notify the Church Office by Thursday, March 27 you are attending, and we will reserve tables for us all to sit together!

- Event: Comedian Larry Reeb
- Date: Friday, April 11, 8PM
- Location: The Laughing Academy, 3230 Glenview Road, Glenview, IL 60025
- Signup: <https://thelaughingacademy.com>.
- Cost: \$29.58 online.
- Food and Beverages: The Laughing Academy only sells popcorn and M&M's. Everything else is "bring your own". Pizza is available for pick up Lou's across the parking lot. Please make your own arrangements.
- Parking: Free
- Notify: The Church Office by Thursday, March 27 and we will reserve a seat at a table for you!

Don't forget, guests are welcome. Invite a guest and see you there!

GUMC Member Engagement Team

Easter Lillies

"Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these"

(Luke 12:27)

Referred to as "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies are believed to have sprouted from the ground where Christ's blood and tears fell during crucifixion, as well as in the Garden of Gethsemane after his betrayal. It's also said they grew in the Garden of Eden from Eve's anguished tears.



It's thought that Easter lilies came to symbolize Christ not only because they embody purity—the trumpet-shaped blooms recall the horns that heralded the resurrection of Christ. What other springtime flower could possibly represent Easter and Christ better?

Find your yellow Easter flower order form in this issue of *The Visitor*.

Please return form and payment by MARCH 10!

Poetry!

Climbing Mountains

There are mountains of spiritual comprehension I cannot scale
You, O God, are difficult to understand
Hard to know, yet all around
This glorious world, a jewel within our own galaxy
Teeming with life, a genius of your creation
One need only stand still to begin to know you
Then all becomes infinite and we cannot grasp it

So let us examine within our minds
Where no tyrants can dominate
Taking moments to bask in love's power of affection and relating
And let us settle on love as the basis of comprehension
For what we do not yet understand
May we find deep peace in those moments
And emerge satisfied and whole from the experience

Michel Agriopoulos

March 31st, 2022

'The truth - that love is the highest goal to which man (mankind) can aspire.'

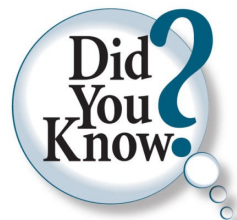
Viktor Frankl (A truly amazing person)

New Address

Mark Rowlands
7395 East Legacy Blvd
Scottsdale, AZ 85255



Orpha Laurie
Belmont Village, Rm. 201,
2200 Golf Road
Glenview, IL 60025



Did you know that, for purposes of estate taxation, there is no limitation on the size of a charitable gift that you may give to your church at the time of your death? No matter how large, the gift is deductible for estate tax purposes.

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

3/1 Keira Read
3/3 Mabel Janke
3/5 Joy Forman
3/7 Christopher Berg
3/8 Ralene Tagtmeier
3/10 Dick Schweers
3/13 David Slaght
3/16 Jack Murphy
3/18 Pat Fawcett
3/20 Jonathan Urban
3/25 Casey Berg
3/26 Jonathan Hutchins

3/1 Elyce Ventura
3/4 Sandy Vanderburg
3/5 Jessica Gimeno
3/7 Jennifer Sawicz
3/8 Howard Twedde, Jr.
3/11 Steve Ellis
3/14 Mark Netherland
3/17 Orpha Laurie
3/20 Janet Conlin
3/22 Mason Tagtmeier
3/25 Joaquin Gonzalez

3/3 Kelly Amrhein
3/5 Samantha Derrington
3/6 Lindsay Kleckner
3/8 Greg Gwozdz
3/10 Jean Deal
3/11 Zachary Urban
3/16 Richard Krcik
3/18 Bob Deme
3/20 Jeff Ludwig
3/22 Chris Walters
3/25 Dan Stryker



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

3/14 Valerie and Barry Putman
3/21 Marie and Dick Hoffman

3/20 Delia and Mark Rowlands
3/31 Susan and Richard Krcik



MARDI GRAS SUNDAY

*Spiritual Worship
Great Music
Delicious Fellowship*

March 2

10:00 WORSHIP
11:00 CELEBRATION

Join us for our last hurrah before Lent!

Assisted Listening System for Church Sound: Did you know the Sanctuary has devices for use to aid in hearing during worship. Please see an usher on Sunday mornings to borrow one for worship.

Large print hymnals and bulletins are located on the offering plate table. Please return the hymnal after worship.

Diaper changing station is located in the womans or family bathroom outside the parlor.

Adult/Baby Rockers are in the north pews.

Missions & Service Ministry

Mission Volunteer Opportunity:

Interested and able to help feed the poor in Chicago's Edgewater area? Rev. Greg Gross is Executive Director of *Care for Real* and they distribute food to the clients in



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their area several times a week. A few weeks ago several from the Missions team had a rewarding experience working with other volunteers and serving 280 family units with food. We know it would be a rewarding experience for others in the congregation. We are considering one Wednesday a month. Distribution is from 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon. We carpool from the church at 8:00 a.m. and are back by 1:30-2:00 p.m. If interested, please contact Ethel Doyle, 847-975-0361, lareth@aol.com

Loose coins and singles in the offering plate will be donated 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 emergencies 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 prepared meals and to provide hope. Scan the QR code to donate now.



*“...For it is in giving
That we Receive...”*



Soup with Substance

Wednesday Evening Lenten Series Christianity and History

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

A light supper of soup and bread will be served in the hallway outside the sanctuary (narthex).

March 12: Historical Jesus part one (Chris Walters)

March 19: Historical Jesus part two (Chris Walters)

March 26: Camino de Santiago pilgrimage in Christian History
(Eun-Hye Choi)

April 2: Mary Magdalene in the second century writings (Shirley Paulson)

April 9: Middle Age Christianity (Michel Agriopoulos)

Friends, family, and neighbors who may be interested in early Christianity as well as Christian fellowship are invited! We thank Linda Kleckner for providing the delicious soup dinner for us each week! Any questions regarding the presentations or the meal please contact church office at office@glenviewumc.org.





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*“From dust you came and from
 dust you will return.”*



ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5

Imposition of Ashes

12 - 1 pm pastors office
 7 pm Worship

Through the service of ashes on the first day of Lent, we come before God recognizing our humanity, repenting of our sin, and remembering who we are and who we can be.



During Lent, we are called to pray as a way to connect with God and reflect on Jesus' sacrifice. Prayer helps us become attuned to God's voice, seek forgiveness and grow closer to him. It's a time for self-reflection and renewal, inviting us to align our lives with God's will. Through prayer, we find comfort, hope and strength in knowing that God is with us

during our 40-day journey through Lent and beyond. If you would like to be in the sanctuary to pray during Lent, please call the office and schedule a time. The doors will be open for you. If you would like to receive Communion at that time, please let the office know when you schedule your visit. 847-729-1015