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GLENVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE VISITOR



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Friends,

We are in the middle of Lent, and I encourage you and remind you of the vital role worship plays in our lives as followers of Jesus Christ. I believe that gathering in worship is an essential expression of our love for God and one another. Part of our identities as people of faith is found in community. We are not islands but reliant on one another to remake us, pull us toward God, and be a soft place to land. As Christians, we believe we are part of the larger body of Christ, through which unleashes the kingdom.

Worship is more than an obligation—it is an opportunity to encounter God’s grace, to grow in discipleship, and to be renewed in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Your presence in worship is a blessing, not only for you but for the entire church family. I know that life can be busy, and at times, challenges may make it difficult to attend. But I encourage you to set aside time each week to join in worship, whether in person or online. We will soon celebrate the Holy Week starting with Palm and Passion Sunday and moving to the Holy Thursday evening and Good Friday evening services before arriving Easter morning. Please see the Holy Week schedule in this newsletter. The Holy Thursday service is especially designed to be friendly for families with children and youth.

As John Wesley encouraged, let us “watch over one another in love” and continue to grow together in grace. I look forward to seeing you in worship and walking alongside you as we walk the path of Lent as disciples of Jesus Christ.

God’s peace,
Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

Georgia Baker

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

Super Senior!

Annette Johnson was chosen by the United Women in Faith as our "Super Senior". Annette, along with her husband Tom, will be honored along with the other North Shore Seniors at a luncheon on April 10 at the North Shore Senior Center. Congratulations Annette!



The Glenview UMC Notes

The Glenview Sanctuary Choir's April newsletter serves as a vibrant testament to the rich tapestry of liturgical music that characterizes this sacred season. With the arrival of Palm Sunday, the choir prepares to transition from the reflective tones of Lent to jubilant celebrations, featuring soloist Carmen Vizin

alongside brass, woodwinds, and strings. This collaboration promises an enriching musical experience for congregants as they engage with traditional pieces such as "Hallelujah Chorus" and "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," which underscore the significance of Easter (Tipton, n.d.).

Moreover, the inclusion of contemplative Taizé chants like "Jesus, Remember Me" and "Wait For The Lord" allows for a moment of introspection amidst the celebratory atmosphere. These selections not only reflect a deep reverence for tradition but also highlight how contemporary arrangements can breathe new life into classic hymns (Jackson, 2023). Through these diverse musical offerings, the **Glenview Sanctuary Choir** fosters a communal spirit while inviting all attendees to partake in both reflection and jubilation during this sacred season.

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski

But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.'

~ Matthew 28:5-6



April 13
10:00 a.m.



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Our service will include a procession with palm branches, music, and a message from Pastor Eun-Hye.

April 17
7:00 p.m.



Holy Thursday


"Do this in Memory of Me"

A service of soup and bread, prayer and communion in remembrance of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples

GOOD FRIDAY

Tenebrae Service of 16 Readings

May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and for ever.



April 18, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

April 20
10:00 a.m.

He is Risen



A celebration for all ages!
Join us for a worship filled with music and hear the good news we have been waiting for!

Adventures with Beth & Greg

April will be a full month of activities so we wanted to give you a head's up to mark some dates on your calendar.

- Sunday School will meet every Sunday in month of April! Please be sure to join us!
- Confirmation resumes next **Sunday, March 30th, 10 am - 11 am** (not technically April but very close) and will meet again on **April 13th**.
- Our next GUMY gathering will be on **April 6th from 4:30 - 6:00 pm**.
- Holy Week starts with **Palm Sunday, on April 13th** - we will also have Confirmation Class that day. Meet us early at 9:45am as we will have a procession at the start of the service!
- Maundy Thursday service, **April 17th**, Good Friday service, **April 18th**, and Easter Service on **April 20th**. These are all great opportunities for all of our youth but especially our confirmation students to attend as they are learning about what it means to be Methodist.

Pastor Eun-Hye asked us to share that this year for the Maundy Thursday service, they will have a 'soup and bread' dinner, will be reading Bible passages, and will show an animation video clip about Jesus washing Peter's feet. Families with children and youth are encouraged to attend and participate in the foot washing, as comfortable and willing.

- We will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, **April 20** immediately following the worship service. We will use part of our time at our **April 6th** GUMY gathering to prepare but will also need help on Easter Sunday.
- The kick-off to our summer-to-fall work with the United Methodist Church, Northern Illinois Conference - Heal Well program will be on **Saturday, April 26, from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** with Forest Bathing led by Barbara Collins at Olivet UMC.
- We are also looking for Confirmation and GUMYouth to participate in the **April 27th** worship service during which we will be celebrating Earth Day!

Stay tuned for more specific details/dates for summer service opportunities! In the mean time, be sure to mark these dates on your calendar. Remember, Sunday School, Confirmation and GUMYouth aren't the same when you are not here!

See you in Church!

Peace

Greg and Beth

Guest Speaker!

Top 5 Ways to Find Gods Purpose for Your Life

Join us for an inspiring and transformative workshop presented by the #1 International Best-Selling Author, Matt Berrafato. This session is designed to guide you on a journey toward discovering your true purpose and understanding the divine reasons behind your existence.

Drawing on insights from his acclaimed book, Purpose Hunting, Matt will lead you through a compelling, step-by-step process to uncover and embrace your life's purpose. Whether you're just beginning your exploration or looking to deepen your understanding, this workshop promises to provide invaluable perspectives to help you live your purpose every single day.

What You Will Discover:

- Practical steps to identify your unique purpose.
- Techniques to incorporate your purpose into daily life.
- Answers to one of life's most profound questions: Why were you born?

Don't miss this opportunity to gain clarity and direction in your life. Mark your calendar and invite your friends and family. This life-changing workshop is a chance for you to realign with your faith and embark on a path of purposeful living.

Date & Time: Sunday, April 6, 2025 at 11:00 AM

Location: Glenview United Methodist Church
Be part of a moving experience that will inspire and energize your soul! We look forward to seeing you there.

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 ASAP if 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

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

4/1 Mary Lou Neininger
4/3 James Rejuso
4/4 Julie Murphy
4/5 Joey Roth
4/5 Xander Vasquez
4/9 Janie Martinsen
4/12 Jaxson Janke
4/14 Dawn Denzel
4/17 Kristin Daniels
4/18 Becky Houdek
4/25 C. J. Berg
4/29 J Anderson

4/2 John Curkov
4/4 Jack Curkov
4/5 Brian Conlin
4/5 Juanita Smith
4/6 Jan Jeffery
4/11 Ann Barnes
4/13 Emma Porrett
4/16 Caryn Granzow
4/17 Marie Hoffman
4/20 Carol Edwards
4/25 Joyce Fridell
4/29 Lily Amrhein

4/2 Marilyn Stowell
4/4 Ken Houdek
4/5 Brooke McCarron
4/5 Cheryl Tweddle
4/8 Cori Mohr
4/11 Barry Putman
4/13 Danny Suhadolnik
4/16 Nathaniel Brand
4/17 Matt Jones
4/22 Matthew Kowski
4/28 Ashly Chacko
4/29 Claire Rowlands

*Happy
Birthday*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

4/8 Eun-Hye Choi and Chris Walters
4/12 Susan and David Slaght
4/21 Sue and Ken Ready

*Happy
Anniversary*



*Easter Egg
Hunt
April 20*

Join in the fun on the front lawn. Easter Sunday after worship. Bring your basket!

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Annual GUMC
DIAPER
drive

Donate New Diapers and Wipes to Help those in Need

Let's Make a Difference to the Community

Collection Dates:
Now - Mother's Day

Drop-off Location:
Social Hall or Office

Collection Bins

Thank Your For Your Donation

All donations will be donated to WINGS. (Women In Need Growing Stronger)

To learn more about the work WINGS does, visit: www.wingsprogram.com

Missions & Service Ministry

Announcing the 2nd Annual Spring Caravan to Olivet UMC. Now is the time to clear your post-Easter calendar so you can reserve a seat on this year's April 27th caravan. If you were unable to join last year's road trip to our sister church, you've just got to make time this spring to enjoy the camaraderie aboard the caravan and the abundant hospitality at Olivet. Ride and relax in comfort as a GUMC chauffeur whisks you down to Olivet. Repeat riders also welcome!! Our tradition of semi-annual pulpit exchanges is a life-affirming experience! Pastor Eun-Hye will preach, the GUMC choir (and perhaps other GUMC'ers) will sing and play, and we all will enjoy the joyous hospitality of our OUMC brothers and sisters. Remember when Chester told us how much the Olivet kids LOVED the hamburgers we served last fall? Well, we will enjoy the generous reciprocal feast presented at Olivet's "coffee hour" luncheon. We also will have a chance to tour the "Sanctury Studio" – the new facility where the youth music program was developed last year (some of the instruments were donated by GUMC members and friends!). The caravan will depart GUMC ~9:45am to be there in time for the 11:00 am Service. Sign-up sheets will be available soon on the Bulletin Board near the choir room and in coffee hours. For more information and/or to volunteer your talents, contact Diana Berger (773-640-7812; palilaberger@sbcglobal.net)

Missions & Service Ministries Committee

Late Breaking News!

The Glenview firetruck given to us for Midwest Missions by Chief Tony DeRose and the Village of Glenview, is on its way as of Sunday, March 23. After Brad Walton, of Midwest Mission, completed all the paperwork required by the State of Illinois, connected with his partners, *Food for the Poor* and the *Order of Malta*, the fire truck is heading to Miami for the ship bound for Guatemala. It will reach Florida by April 10 via flatbed truck. God gives Chief DeRose and his fire department a spirit of generosity and caring for those who have so much less than we in Glenview. God embraces the village officials with a spirit of connection and support from the entire community. And God sends patience and persistence to Brad to never give up on all that is required of him in mission around the world, this time on our behalf. Now comes the need for all our prayers. The possibility exists that we might get another firetruck, this time bound for hurricane ravaged Georgia, Tennessee, or another US town in our southeast United States. Blessings and thanks to God for the good of the village around our church.



Missions & Service Ministry

Loose coins and singles in the offering plate will be donated to: Loaves and Fishes(April-June)

Volunteers from our congregation prepare substantial and nutritious balanced meals and snacks for Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook. At this time we serve around 50 youth plus their tutor volunteers. We prepare 3-4 meals and 2-3 snacks a year. Also, last year we served a morning snack and lunch for the volunteers at the Midwest Mission packing event at our church. This coming October we will be hosting another food packing event for Midwest Missions. The money you donate helps to provide for these outreach programs. Scan the QR code to donate now.



Some new opportunities to serve!

We have two opportunities to support **Glenview Youth Services** in the coming weeks. April 13, 11:15 a.m., immediately following church – join Curtis in the kitchen to prepare a dinner meal for **Youth Services**. April 14, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm – sign up to serve the dinner prepared on the 13th. Please email Holly at ed.porrett@sbcglobal.net OR use the Sign-Up Genius links on the church website to indicate your interest in participating either of these opportunities. www.glenviewumc.org/current-events

Hints of Spring are in the air. That means thoughts of gardening are beginning to pop up in a gardeners' minds. In the near future, the church will begin the process of growing delicious vegetables in our Sabbath Garden. Remember, all of this produce grown is donated to local food pantries. Activities such as building raised boxes, garden clean up, spreading dirt and mulch, planting, and watering are music to any gardener's ears. If you would like to be involved in any, or all of these activities, please notify Mark Netherland @ 847-337-2417, or at marknetherland314@gmail.com. Any help would be greatly appreciated. We are hoping for a blockbuster harvest this year. Hope to hear from you.

SAVE THE DATE!

Remember the fun we had last October doing Meal Packs for Midwest Mission? We're doing it again this year, **October 5, 2025** at 11:30 a.m.!!! Please plan to join us.

Care For Real - Volunteer Opportunity

Join us to help hand deliver food to the needy, **May 21, 2025**. Meet at the church at 7:45 a.m. to car-pool to Care For Real's new location, 5838 N. Broadway, Chicago. We will work from 8:30 a.m. - 1215 p.m., Back to church about 1:30. Contact: Ethel Doyle, 847-975-0361.

The Repair the Harm to Children Campaign

As you may know, the Boy Scouts of America settled a lawsuit related to accusations of sexual abuse of children. Many churches, including United Methodists, have chartered BSA troops or packs over the years. As part of the settlement, the United Methodist Church has agreed to raise and give \$30 million to a fund to compensate survivors. The church also agreed to work for the healing of survivors and recommit to work toward ending sexual abuse of young people.

The Repair the Harm to Children campaign was created to address the needs of the survivors in three ways; listening and providing healing to the survivors, contributing our fair share to the survivor fund established by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, and working to create safeguards against harm in the future. It was formed by the Conference Committee on Finance and Administration and the Conference Board of Trustees in collaboration with Bishop Schwerin and the conference staff. We care for the survivors financially by contributing our fair share to the survivor fund established by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. Of the \$30 million committed by the United Methodist Church, the amount allocated to Northern Illinois is \$754,348.

From the Northern Illinois Conference, the amount allocated to Glenview UMC is \$4,500. The leadership of Glenview UMC decided to ask the members of our church to help the church to cover the amount allocated to us. As pastor of Glenview UMC, I ask you to consider your contribution to the Repair the Harm campaign during April and May prayerfully. You may complete your donation by June 30, 2025. With any questions, please contact me at echoi@glenviewumc.org

With gratitude,
Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

Job Opening!

The Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church is currently recruiting for the position of **Risk Manager**. The Risk Manager plans, implements, and administers the property and casualty insurance program of the Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church ("the Conference"). This role will regularly interface with 300+ local churches/sites within the Conference, the Conference's Insurance Board and Insurance Broker, along with other entities providing supporting risk management related services. A key focus of this position will be to build strong relationships with churches around their risk management needs and to effectively communicate these needs to the Conference, the Insurance Board, and related service team members in order to achieve optimum risk management solutions.

The position will remain open until filled. Interested candidates can apply directly via the following link: <https://www.paycomonline.net/v4/ats/web.php/jobs/ViewJobDetails?job=253665&clientkey=E1CB377AF1A59C982D4A8BC33247365B>

If you have any questions about the position, please contact William Parker, Human Resources Support Specialist, at 615-369-2357.



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Guide to Holy Week



Palm Sunday

April 13
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



Mauddy Thursday

April 17
Thursday Night 7:00 p.m.

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



Good Friday

April 18
Friday Night 7:00 p.m.

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified.



Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



Easter Sunday

April 20
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.