

## GLENVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# THE VISITOR



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Dear friends,

I want to tell you the story of one of my favorite stories in *The Bible*. As you know *The Bible* is filled with stories, both good and bad, beautiful and ugly, comforting and scary, and hopeful and fearful. Even in one story there are both good and bad or comforting and scary parts together. So, people say that the stories of *The Bible* are like mirrors that we look our reflections both beautiful and ugly. And some people say they are like windows, opening views to see beyond our human existence, the Divine. Whatever the reasons, I love the stories of *The Bible*.

My favorite story goes like this: One of the two sons of Isaac, Jacob, ran away from home to avoid an angry father and brother to his uncle's house. I can related to this story as it is a similar situation that my friend is going through. She is housing and taking care of her niece who is queer. Her father was angry at her and her mother told her to leave home and stay with her aunt. My friend tries to figure out what she should do in this situation and her niece tries to figure out how to make a future without her parents' support.

Jacob's uncle was not a fair man and didn't deal with him well. He exploited Jacob's labor as his sheep keeper. And Jacob counter exploited his uncle. It is not a holy or beautiful story. Jacob married his uncle's two daughters and their two maids and had lots of children from four wives. One night he decided to run away from his uncle with his family, including their servants and animals, and go back home.

When they arrived at Jabbok River, he knew that he had to face his brother who might still be angry at him. He knew it might be a life-or-death moment, not only for him but for his family. He tried his best to be witty and smart, arranging his family members from the least important to him to the most important. Also, he prepared many gifts for his brother. He did everything he could think of. Then, what did he do? He wrestled with God's angel at the bank of Jabbok River. He was not sitting and fantasizing his brother's reactions in fear and anxiety. He knew he needed to face God before he faced his brother. So, he wrested with God's angel at a riverbank from dusk to dawn.

Is it beautiful and holy to you or fearful and scary to wrestle with God's angel? I am not sure. I just hope that I don't give up the wrestle. And Jacob didn't give up. He was holding onto him, God's angel, until the daybreak.

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

Susan Slaght  
David Slaght  
Mariann Randle  
Sarane Siewerth  
Marilyn Stowell  
Chris Ernst

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

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY**

## *In Memoriam*

Longtime, beloved member, **Mabel Janke**, passed away, April 23, 2025. The family is planning on a *Celebration of Life* for July 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Sadly our longtime member, **Dawn Denzel**, passed away Wednesday, May 7, 2025. A visitation was held at N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home.

Our dearest member, **Orpha Laurie**, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 11, 2025. A Celebration of Life was held in the sanctuary on Saturday, May 31, 2025.

Please hold these families in your prayers as they grieve their loss.

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So, the angel kicked his hipbone and broke it. Still Jacob didn't let him go and the angel blessed him with a new name, Israel.

The angel didn't promise him anything other than a new name. With the new name, Jacob, now Israel, is limping with broken hip socket. I imagine him limping and walking toward the sunrise by himself in a new morning. It is one of my favorite stories because it is about all of us, our limping life, still walking and moving on our faith journey, with just one promise of God that we have a new name showing we belong to God. I believe a new name showing our identity is a good enough gift for our faith journey though we are limping from the wounds, hurts, and scars of life.

In June when we are in the middle of the year, I remember you and pray for you that you keep wrestling with God and keep limping and moving forward to a new morning every day.

Each day is a new beginning. May God bless you with a new name!  
Eun-Hye Choi, pastor



**Sunday, May 18, Edie Cummings, Ryan Granzow and Izzy Janke** confirmed their intention to live the vows of their baptism and membership covenant and became professing members of The Glenview United Methodist Church. They were surrounded by their mentors and family and friends for this event. May Edie, Ryan and Izzy continue to grow spiritually and may their faith always be strong.

## It's a Picnic!

### CALLING ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES

Summer starts in June and it is picnic season! All Sunday School and Confirmation class families are invited to a picnic on June 1. Picnic will happen right after worship service on the church lawn next to the water reservoir area. Come with the whole family and bring picnic chairs or blankets. Food and games will be provided. Any questions contact Susanne and Maddie at [sundayschool@glenviewumc.org](mailto:sundayschool@glenviewumc.org) or Pastor Eun-Hye at [echoi@glenviewumc.org](mailto:echoi@glenviewumc.org).



Summer GUMY is being finalized. Please watch your email for dates and times of summer events!

## Pride News!

### PRIDE SUNDAY AND RAINBOW WALK

All are invited to join in on June 21st at 11am for the third annual Pride Walk in Niles! Come gather together with us at Kirk Lane Park in Niles, IL. We'll begin with some quick speeches and then go on a one mile walk/ride/roll around the neighborhood.

Afterwards, please join others for a picnic in the park and activities!

Bring your colors, rainbows, pride flags, and protest signs.

Whatever makes you feel proud and exuberant.

Everyone is welcome to come in support of our LGBTQIA+ community members. Please contact pastor Eun-Hye at [echoi@glenviewumc.org](mailto:echoi@glenviewumc.org) for more information.



*spring cleanup*

Please save **June 14** from 8-12 for a

spring clean up event at GUMC.

Pruning back

bushes, raking, etc. will be on the to-do list.

Light cleaning options inside will also be available. Please bring the tools you are most comfortable with, rakes, pruners, gloves, weeders, etc.

# Missions & Service Ministry

## "Our" Fire Departments Serve So Many!

Do you notice these license plates between the end of April and June every year? Only 200 are sold each year and they go fast among firefighters! The fee from the plates goes to "Camp I Am Me" supported by the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance.



**Camp I Am Me** in Ingleside, Illinois brings children together every June who have been traumatized by being burned from a house fire or other kinds of tragedies. The children know the firefighters are their special friends and the firefighters feel the same about the children.

"Our" fire fighters from Glenview and Niles not only gave us their fire truck and ambulance bound for a village without the resource, but they participate with many other departments in giving the children a memorable week. At the end of the week, a fire engine from many Illinois departments go to the camp and forms the longest line of fire engines the children have probably ever seen. They do not just drive by the campers but they let the children climb into the trucks and feel themselves a fire fighter. We thank a Glencoe part-time firefighter for telling us about **Camp I Am Me** and about our departments' participation. And we're glad to discover what those unusual license plates mean.

Thank you Chief DeRose, Chief Scipione, and Nigel.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS to MIDWEST MISSION

Midwest Mission Collections were delivered May 3. (GUMC is also a Lake Dist. Collection Site)- Ray Trent with a United Methodist volunteer organization, The Nomads, came from New Lenox UMC and picked up our collection for Midwest Mission. Mark Netherland helped load:

2 boxes with 22 school bags filled with school supplies made & donated by Holly Porrett,

1 bike, 1 box items for hygiene kits, 9 portable & 2 cabinet electric sewing machines from Valerie Koppenhaver of Kingswood UMC, 1 cabinet electric sewing machines from Terri Passolt of 1st. UMC Arlington Heights, 3 treadle sewing machines from Ethel Doyle, 3 walkers, (1 from David Kleckner), 1 wheel chair, and misc. medical supplies.

Thank you for your continued support for Midwest Mission and all they do. Please read their letter on the next page of this *Visitor*.



# Missions & Service Ministry

**SAVE THE DATE:** Oct. 5 11:15 a.m. -Rice Meal Pack event. **WANTED:** 100 volunteers ages 5 and up.

**Volunteer opportunity for Care for Real**, Chicago. Help with food distribution to those experiencing food insecurity. 3rd. Wednesdays , except July 23. Car pool from GUMC 7:30 a.m, back about 1:00 p.m. Contact Ethel Doyle, 847-975-0361 lareth@aol.com

Dear Church Partner,

There are simple things you can collect that will make a big difference in someone's life.

Did you know: 100% of what Midwest Mission sends has been specifically requested by partners around the world and around the corner. That means:

- 100% of the items you are asked to collect are desperately needed by someone, and it's going to be sent to them.
- Items won't be collected or sent, unless those receiving really need it — it sounds simple, but it's what sets Midwest Mission apart from many other organizations. Ask first, then send.

Our partners on the ground have told us what they need. Now, you come in. You and your congregation can collect and purchase these requested items, and bring them to Annual Conference, so that needs can be met around the world. What do people need?

**New:**

- Onesies and Sleepers — 0-6 months
- Contractor trash bags (2 mil+)
- Girls' underwear size 10-14, women's 5-8
- Shampoo 12-19oz (no pumps)
- Lotion 8-10oz
- Reusable Day and Night Pads (pattern at [midwestmission.org/patterns](http://midwestmission.org/patterns))

**Gently used:**

- Wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches
- Work shovels, rakes, and brooms
- Hand tools

See all needs at [midwestmission.org/collect-donate](http://midwestmission.org/collect-donate)

With gratitude,

Your Midwest Mission Family



## We caravanned to Olivet!

Our pulpit exchange was a big success, and a fun time was had by all. The rides down and back were smooth and perfectly timed. The camaraderie before, during, and after the service was enriching and relaxing. And we all sat near the front of the sanctuary...it was an amazing sight to see! We should try that "at home" some time! We clapped, we sang, we prayed, we rejoiced. This was the 2nd Sunday of Easter, so our choir members sang the devotional anthem, "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow". Then they handed out music for the celebratory hymn, "He is Exalted", so the entire congregation could sing along together. It was a do-it-yourself service where everyone felt safe to share their talents. For some of us it was our first time at Olivet, for others it was old home week. In all cases we had plenty of time to get to know one another better, eat a hearty lunch, hear a great sermon by Pastor Eun-Hye (Peace...Forgiveness...), immerse ourselves in another congregations ambience and musical style, and learn more about how our gifts are put to good use in the Methodists in Action programs at Olivet. It's not the size of the congregation that matters; it's the breadth and strengths of the congregation's support of the communities around them!

Here are a few testimonies from other GUMC caravanners:

> "I was blessed to attend the beautiful service, hear Pastor Eun Hye's message, and worship with the Olivet parishioners. Still feel like clapping! It was a God love fest."

> "Just right, this Day Apart. It felt like a journey to find peace in ourselves and our world."

> ".... enjoyed the visit at Olivet very much. The music was great, and the joy we experienced from the service was tenfold. I'm so glad we were both able to attend. Thanks to Missions for organizing it!"

> "Words don't capture the spirit that rushes thru Olivet - that was so strong with the music of our choir and the voices of the Olivet singing congregation and choir. Thank you GUMC choir. The privilege to have our own Rev. Eun-Hye bringing her magnificent sermon - her response to the Scripture and openness of herself. Thank you, Eun-Hye. "

> "As United Methodists and following the model of Jesus - the luncheon after worship couldn't be better - a great time to get to know each other and the Olivet folks better. That luncheon resulted in not only renewed and new friends, but summertime bicycle rides now in the planning works ..."

> Reed, who played the keys, only stopped the music for Eun-Hye's sermon. One couldn't keep from absorbing some of the energy from that little Congregation! It was tremendously moving, and I plan to go back next year."

We hope you also will ride the 2026 caravan to Olivet next spring!

Meanwhile, put your thinking-cap on and share with us your ideas for activities and culinary treats to enjoy with Olivet at the next pulpit exchange this fall when they will caravan to us!

**Join us Saturday, June 28 at 5PM for Another:  
"Dinner around the World"**

Members and guests of our Congregation will be gathering **Saturday, June 28 at 5P.M.** at Yu's Mandarin in Wheeling, where we will enjoy an authentic Chinese dining experience! Yu's Mandarin provides an unforgettable traditional and modern-creative Chinese cuisine prepared impeccably by experienced chefs and served by a highly trained staff. Get ready to enjoy the best of what Yu's Mandarin has to offer! Please let Doris in the Church office know if you're able to attend by **Wednesday June 25, 2025.**



Event: "Dinner around the World" at Yu's Mandarin in Wheeling!

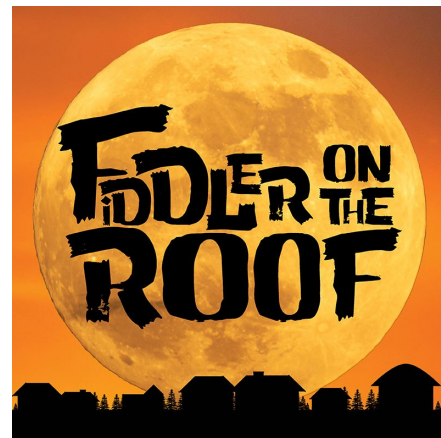
- Date: Saturday, June 28, 2025
- Time: 5PM
- Location: 600 S Milwaukee Ave, Wheeling
- Order: Each person will order individually.
- RSVP: Email or call the Church office by Wednesday, June 25, 2025.

See you there!

Member Engagement

**Join GUMC Members & Guests for an Evening  
of Fiddler on the Roof!**

On Saturday, **August 9, 2025**, GUMC members and guests will be gathering at the North Shore Center in Skokie for the Music Theater Works presentation of "Fiddler on the Roof"! A block of 10 Premium seats have been booked for GUMC members and guests for us all to sit together. Space is limited! Reserve your space by notifying the Church office by **Wednesday, July 17, 2025.**



Event: Fiddler on the Roof

- Date: Saturday, August 9, 2025.
- Curtain up: 7:30 PM.
- Location: The North Shore Center for Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd, Skokie, IL
- Parking: Free, behind the Center
- Signup: Cost: \$49.00 each. Pay Doris at the Church prior to the event by Wednesday, July 17, 2025.

Don't forget, guests are welcome to join us and check out what is going on at our awesome Church!

See you there!

GUMC Member Engagement Team

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

*Happy Birthday*

6/2 Beckett Cummings  
6/3 Ed Porrett  
6/6 Laura Corbige  
6/8 Alice Joyce Kowski  
6/11 Jan Hutchins  
6/14 Brian Porrett  
6/17 Keith Cordell  
6/19 Michael Potter  
6/23 Tyler Phillips  
6/27 William Frame  
6/30 Beth DeBaker

6/2 Emma Granzow  
6/3 Meg Pyterek  
6/6 Matthew Furch  
6/10 Steve Cummings  
6/13 Andrew Daniels  
6/15 Susan Slaght  
6/17 Ted Sawicz  
6/20 Larry Brand  
6/24 Alice Ramos  
6/28 Evan Mohr

6/2 Stephanie Yonkers  
6/4 Steve Urban  
6/6 Benjamin Keenan  
6/10 Karina Johnson  
6/14 Dana Booker  
6/16 Curtis Corbige  
6/19 John Potter  
6/21 John Keenan  
6/25 Judy Knoblock  
6/29 Chuck Schaden

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

6/6 Donna and John Kwiatkowski  
6/10 Michelle and Steve Cummings  
6/14 Helen and Jim Weinstein  
6/26 Karen and Scott Daniels

6/7 Alice and Mac Ramos  
6/14 Jan and Tom Hutchins  
6/21 Liz and Guy Mylander  
6/29 Cheryl and Howard Twedde, Jr.

*Happy Anniversary*

## Methodists in Action

Saturday June 7th, 2025

12:00PM -2:00PM

Olivet United Methodist Church  
147 S Keeler Ave. Chicago, IL

FREE FOOD, MUSIC, AND FELLOWSHIP

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION

GARDEN REVITALIZATION

Join us on June 7th as we come together in faith and fellowship to serve our neighbors through the gift of free clothing, nourishing food, and the joyful work of preparing our community garden for the summer. In this sacred act of giving and growing, we strengthen the bonds that unite us and live out God's call to love and care for one another. Let us build a stronger, more compassionate community—rooted in hope, nourished by grace.



## Book Club!

There will be NO Book Club in July or August.  
September Book Discussion:

The Vegetarian

By Han Kang



Even if you haven't read any of the past books, feel free to read this and hop in on the discussion on September 2nd. Everyone is welcome!

## COME VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY



Studies have consistently shown that children who engage in regular reading during the summer break maintain or even enhance their reading skills. By encouraging your child to read, you can prevent the "summer slide" and ensure they start the new school year with confidence and a strong foundation. Our church library has a wide variety of books that kids can check out and bring home. Children's books are located on the shelves under the windows in the parlor. From picture books to short stories, there is something there for everyone. Adults are welcome to peruse the wide variety of books on the tall shelves on the west side.

## Congratulations to our graduates!

### 8th Grade

Joaquin Gonzalez

### College



**Ben Keenan** graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in May with a Bachelor of Science in Data Science. After graduation, he commissions as an officer and will join the submarine community.



**Anne Ribordy** graduated from Rice University with a B.S. in Computer Science and will be working for Lockheed Martin in Huntsville, Alabama.



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**HYMN SING**

**SUNDAY, JULY 13**

**10:00 A.M.**

In preparation for our special Hymn Sing Worship Service on July 13, we invite you to share you 3 favorite hymns. Inserts will be provided in the June Sunday Bulletins - write in your hymns and leave in the collection plate. The choir will explore and share the stories behind the selected hymns. While we may not fit every hymn into one service, we'll continue featuring them throughout the summer. Let your voice help shape our worship!