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GLENVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# THE VISITOR



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Friends,

This summer we will have a sermon series, **The Spirit Filled Church**, based on the Book of Acts in the New Testament. For almost three years we followed the Common Lectionary Bible readings, and now we will take a break. We will focus on the stories in the Book of Acts. Luke who wrote the Gospel of Luke wrote Acts as the second part of his writing. the Gospel of Luke is about Jesus' life, teaching, ministry, miracles, and his death and resurrection. Acts is about the acts of church which was born by the power of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day after Jesus' resurrection and ascension. From the beginning, the church has been empowered and given the mission by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the church is, and should be, filled with the Holy Spirit to be the church.

The sermon series has four parts starting on July 20.

1. When the Spirit Moves (July 20): Acts 2:1-21
2. Called to Serve (July 27): Acts 6:1-15
3. Breaking Down the Walls (August 3): Acts 10:1-35
4. Turning the World Upside Down (August 10) Acts 17:1-15

I encourage you to read the Book of Acts with one chapter a day in July. It has only 28 chapters and you can finish it in the month. For all who finish reading the Book of Acts by the end of July, I will give you a prayer book that you can follow daily. Also, we will have a **Talk Back fellowship time** after worship for four Sundays starting on July 20. Based on your readings of Acts and sermons of each Sunday, you can share your thoughts, comments, and questions with me and fellow members. We will have healing prayer time after the discussion for people who wish to stay for the prayer.

We build, grow, and care for the church together! Thanks be to God.

Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

Let us remember the following  
members in our prayers.

Susan Urban  
Mariann Randle  
Sarane Siewerth  
Marilyn Robb

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



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



## July Music Ministry at GUMC

**July 6** – Join us for the first Sunday of July as David Kleckner offers special solos supporting the worship theme at our MYF Reunion service. Jan Hutchins will provide piano accompaniment.

**July 13** – Our Annual Hymn Sing replaces solo performances. Submit your favorite hymns ahead of time and sing along with family, friends and GUMC members. Choir members will share insights into the history and significance of selected hymns and worship music.

**July 20** – Enjoy beautiful duets performed by Kent & Kyle Smith.

**July 27** – Becky Netherland closes out the month with beautiful solos.

## A Big Thank You!

A heartfelt thank-you to our Sanctuary Choir and all the musicians who kicked off our summer worship series with inspiring music. Your dedication makes our services shine! For those interested: the Sanctuary Choir remains on “summer vacation” through the month of August.

Contact Music Director Cindy Applebee ([capplebee@glenviewumc.org](mailto:capplebee@glenviewumc.org)) for any questions or wishes to be a part of the music this summer!

# Adventures with Beth & Greg

As we write, it is the time of the summer solstice - the longest day and shortest night of the year in the northern hemisphere, and what turned out to be the start of some extreme heat days. With the days starting to shorten and the nights getting longer, we are hoping for milder summer days ahead. Before we get there, it is a good time to reflect on the blessings we had this spring.



The Sunday School year wrapped up with our June 1st family picnic. Special thank you to Maddie and Lishan for their creative, fun, and meaningful work they did with our 1st - 5th graders this year, and to Susanne, Robin, and Taylor for the loving care and engaging play they provide for our pre-k and kindergarten children. We also want to thank all of the youth that volunteered at various times throughout the year as helpers in the classroom: Anna, Brielle, Claire, Gabriela, Joquin, Keira, Owen, and Tim. All exemplify the inclusive kindness that shows Jesus' love. An extra special thank you to Susanne and Robin for providing the food and games for the Sunday School picnic - always such a fun event each year!

This spring, the youth planted a pizza garden (tomatoes, green peppers, onions, oregano), a salsa garden (tomatoes, green and jalapeno peppers, onions, cilantro, and parsley), and a pumpkin patch (well... pumpkins with a few zucchini) in the Gelfand Community Garden. Produce will be donated to the Northfield Township Food Pantry. GUMYouth moved forward in their efforts to improve the recycling program at GUMC, submitting a proposal to the trustees, who approved updated recycling bins in the social hall and office area as well as a compost bin in the Gelfand Community Garden. Be on the lookout this summer for those installations!

In June, all families were invited to participate in intergenerational ministry. We continued our work with HealWell and Methodists in Action, helping with planting trees and doing some garden work at Olivet UMC. We also participated in the Niles Pride Walk to support and ally with our LGBTQIA+ friends, family, and community members. A special thank you to our very own Marilyn Robb, who was one of the guest speakers at the event.

This July, we continue our work with HealWell. GUMYouth and our 20-30 something group will be joining efforts with other area Methodist churches to help out in the Austin Community Gardens. GUMC will be attending on July 12th. In addition to a couple of GUMY social gatherings (including a competitive geocache) this July, Family Ministry will be planning for the upcoming program year. Be on the lookout for opportunities to provide your input and feedback.

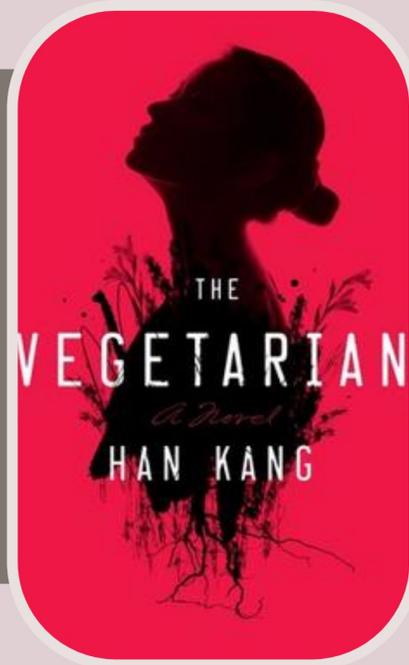
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## September Book Club



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Celebrated by critics around the world, The Vegetarian is a darkly allegorical, Kafkaesque tale of power, obsession, and one woman's struggle to break free from the violence both without and within her.



**"Both terrifying and terrific."**

—LAUREN GROFF

*Discussion: September 2*

*7:00 p.m. parlor*

*Everyone is invited!*

## July 4th on the Lawn!

Join GUMC LGBTQ representatives on the front lawn during the parade. They will be passing out stickers to passerby's!

We need volunteers for set up, decorating canopies, tables, and being present.



## Adventures with Beth & Greg Continued...

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New to GUMC in 2025 was intentional programming for our 20-30 something aged adults. After our initial planning meeting, we had a pizza making and game night, opportunities to serve through GUMC and HealWell mission programs. We ended June with a bowling night at Classic Bowl in Morton Grove. We hope to continue our combination of service and social gatherings throughout the summer and into the fall. If you (or your adult child) is in this age group but are not receiving our emails, please contact us at [petersons@glenviewumc.org](mailto:petersons@glenviewumc.org) so that we can share upcoming events with you!

Peace,  
Beth and Greg

## Outdoor Worship Support

Volunteers are needed for the outdoor Sunday worship on July 13 for the setup of chairs, mic/music equipment, and some tables for fellowship time. Please arrive at 9:00 a.m. to help! Thank you!

## Guest Preacher

On July 6, Rev. Steve Conger will be preaching. We welcome him back to GUMC along with former members of the Glenview Methodist Youth Fellowship. This is their annual reunion. Please come and welcome them back to GUMC!

# The Spirit Filled Church

## Book of Acts



### When the Spirit Moves

Acts 2:1-21  
July 20, 10:00 a.m.

### Called to Serve

Acts 6:1-15  
July 27, 10:00 a.m.

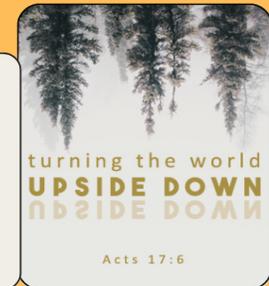


### Breaking Down the Walls

Acts 10:1-35  
August 3, 10:00 a.m.

### Turning the World Upside Down

Acts 17:1-15  
August 10, 10:00 a.m.



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**Each Sunday at 11:15 a discussion on the sermon will take place in the choir room. To dig deeper, read one chapter of the Book of Acts each day and finish the book at the end of July.**



International students at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (Evanston) are unable to go home this Summer for fear they will not be able to come back into the country in the Fall. These students need our support for the next two to three months.



#### HOW WE CAN HELP:

- **Purchase \$25 gift cards for Walmart or Jewel**

Send to: Broadway UMC  
Attn: Rev. Alka Lyall  
3338 N Broadway St  
Chicago, IL 60657



- **Monetary Donations**

- On-line donations can be made by scanning the QR code or with the link at [umcnic.org/news/help-for-international-garrett-students](http://umcnic.org/news/help-for-international-garrett-students).
- Checks can be made out to Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, please note International Student Support
  - Send to: Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Attn: Thehil Russelliah Singh, 2121 Sheridan Road, Evanston, Illinois 60201



Questions or for more information: Lisa Rogers  
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**Loose Coins and Singles: Maine and Northfield Food Pantries:** For around 50 years our church has supported Maine and Northfield Food Pantries. Both of these organizations provide monthly assistance to families and individuals who are struggling to put food on the table and still make ends meet. These pantries are stocked by the generosity of individuals, businesses, civic groups and faith communities. Your donation goes toward the purchase of much needed food and/or grocery store cards for those in distress.

# Missions & Service Ministry

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

## CARE FOR REAL CELEBRATES THEIR NEW HOME!

Sunday, June 22, 2025 was a great day to celebrate Care For Real's new building! It's one that they purchased and renovated to meet their needs. Gregory Gross, Executive Director, (former associate pastor at GUMC) did the ribbon cutting.

Care for Real has served Chicago's far north-east side for 55 years. Their new building at, 5840 N. Broadway, Chicago, gives them: flexible space, larger pantry space, expanded areas for clothing and personal care items, expanded work areas, designated meeting and gathering spaces which includes a check-in and break room for staff and volunteers. A number of GUMC members volunteer with food distribution at least once per month.

Care for Real distributes free, fresh, nutritious food to neighbors in need 5 days a week through locations in Edgewater and Rogers Park. Their clients can visit CfR one time each week for food. They also provide clothing and personal care items. To learn more visit Care for Real's website.

Six people from GUMC went to share in the festivities: Pastor Eun Hye Choi, Ethel Doyle, Joyce Fridell, Holly & Ed Porrett and Sheri Statan pictured here with Gregory Gross.



## OLIVET 2025 School Supplies and "Undie Sunday" Collections

Sorry Kids and Parents, but school days will be here before you know it. Though there is still time for oodles of summer fun (picnics, pools, and pickle ball parties; barbeques, beaches and baseball with buddies), let's take just a moment to chat about our annual collection routine. Our collection deadline date is not set in stone, but the 2nd Sunday in August is my guess as CPS classes start on August 18th. Be on the lookout for updates in the weekly e-news and Sunday bulletins as we move through the glorious month of July. A list of school supply items by CPS grade level is shown below. Also welcome are backpacks for all ages. If you prepare a backpack with supplies for a single child, please label it to show that and the grade level. I plan to do that this year! And, last but not least, let's give those "Undies" for all ages (socks, underpants, boxers, undershirts, bras, camisoles). I'm going to do that, too! After all: Every child deserves to start the school year feeling their very best and ready to learn! So, be on the look-out for those summer sales and fill up the GUMC collection bins for the kids! And if you want to be a helper at Olivet's Back to School Block Party where the items will be distributed, contact Diana Berger (773-640-7812; palilaberger@sbcglobal.net).

# BACK TO SCHOOL

### Pre-K through Kindergarten

- Large pencils
- Large crayons
- Washable markers
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Kleenex, paper towels

### 1st through 3rd

- Pencils
- Pocket folders
- Notebook
- Crayons
- Washable markers
- Pencil-top erasers
- Supply box
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Kleenex, paper towels

### 4th through 6th

Same items as 1st – 3rd PLUS:

- Pocket folders
- Watercolor paints
- Sketch pads

### 7th through 8th

Same as 4th - 6th PLUS:

- Colored pencils
- Spiral notebooks
- Wide-ruled notebook paper
- Additional folders
- Dictionary
- Calculator
- Assignment notebook

### 9th through 12th

Same as 7th - 8th PLUS:

- assignment notebook

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



7/1 Anna Parry  
7/3 Kay Harr  
7/4 Valerie Tweddle  
7/6 Susanne Rudolph  
7/7 Tracy Tweddle  
7/9 Jim Locke  
7/14 Scott Daniels  
7/18 Jim Glass  
7/23 Susan Krcik  
7/25 Ryan Ellis  
7/26 Helen Jo Ellis

7/3 Tita Gimeno  
7/4 Paula Stoddard  
7/6 Paul Ellis  
7/6 Linda Vassallo  
7/8 Emma Yonkers  
7/10 Tom Hutchins  
7/15 Walter Meyer  
7/19 Layla DeBaker  
7/23 Beth Peterson  
7/25 Joan Loyd  
7/26 Maggie McCarron

7/7 Bill Murphy  
7/9 Melissa Gwozdz  
7/13 Diann Campbell  
7/17 Betsy Schweers  
7/23 Wyatt Cummings  
7/24 Tim Walters  
7/26 Jason DeBaker  
7/28 Jean Losquadro

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

7/2 Katie and Matt Jones  
7/5 Dee Ann and Paul Ellis  
7/9 Beth and Greg Peterson  
7/12 Cori and Jeff Mohr  
7/15 Helen Jo and Stephen Ellis  
7/25 Ann and Bob Rowlands  
7/28 Joy and Bill Forman

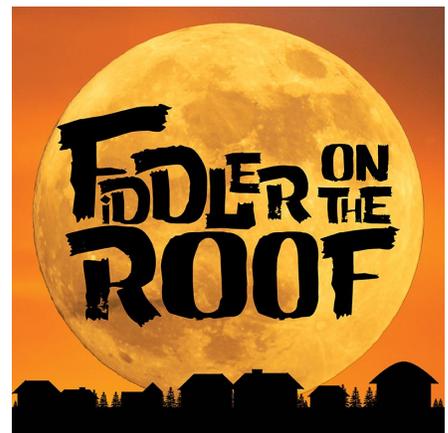
7/3 Romeo and Tita Gimeno  
7/6 Sharon and Richard Espino  
7/11 Annette and Tom Johnson  
7/12 Alisha and Chuck Potter  
7/25 Linda and Dave Duback  
7/26 Patty and Daniel Stryker  
7/30 Kathy and Ted Sawicz



#### 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**.



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# Hymn Sing Outdoor Worship

Join your friends and family on the front lawn. Cindy Applebee, the GUMC Music Director, has been tabulating the most requested hymns. Come and see if yours was one of the most popular. Don't worry if your hymn is not sung on the 13th. Sunday worship throughout the summer will feature other requested hymns from the congregation.

## July 13

## 10:00 a.m.

NO FACEBOOK LIVE FOR THIS EVENT.