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GLENVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE VISITOR



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Dear friends,

It is already time for our children to prepare to go back to school. Also, it is time for us, Glenview UMC, to prepare for the new programming year. We are a church striving to build relationships and connections with each other and with the community. Our mission statement is *Connecting with Others through Mission, Music, and Discipleship Ministries*. Looking back on the last seven months of our church life, we have been faithful to our mission. I know everything was possible because of your generous support. As we continue walking in faith together, I give thanks for the many ways you show your love for God, neighbor and your church —through your prayers, presence, service, generous giving, and witness.

Each week, your financial gifts make ministry possible: worship and music that uplifts, children learning the stories of Jesus, youth growing in faith, mission activities to serve those in need, and care extended to each other and to our community. Making connections with God and with others is holy work—and it happens because of your generosity. Financial giving is not just about meeting a need—it's about growing in trust, practicing gratitude, and becoming part of what God is doing through our church.

As we move into the second half of the year, I want to take time to give my sincere gratitude to you for your generous giving. I also want to invite you to joyful giving for the work of the church. If you're feeling called to take a step forward in your generosity in any form and any purpose, please know that every gift, for annual general expenses, planned giving for the future, or designated giving for a specific ministry large or small, makes a difference for both current and future ministries of our church. Together, let us continue building a beloved faith community which connects us with God and others.

Thanks be to God!

Eun-Hye Choi
Pastor.

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Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

Susan Urban
Tyson Caldwell
Lydia Larrick

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



Forgive my tardiness in thanking you all for the encouragement and love I

received during my recent health scare. Your prayers and cards and good wishes were a great help in the healing process. Thank you so much !

Jan Jeffery

A Friendly Reminder

Clergy and church staff will NEVER send emails requesting money or gift cards.



Scam emails and texts are occurring on a regular basis. Please reach out to the church office with any questions.

**Back to Church
SUNDAY**

Sunday—September 7

Stay tuned to e-news and September Visitor for all the details.

If you would like to help plan the event,
please contact

Janet Ferrone at Jferrone@glenviewumc.org



Hymn Sing Continues!

Our joyful Hymn Sing rolls on into August! We were overwhelmed—in the best way—by the enthusiastic response in July. Over **50 different hymns, songs and titles** were requested. Wow! What a beautiful reminder of how deeply music is woven into the heart and worship life of our congregation here in Glenview.

We're continuing the celebration of congregational favorites all throughout August. Our goal is to include at least **1 or 2 selections from every person's list** by the end of the month. Thank you for singing, sharing, and showing just how much music matters to this community.

Adventures with Beth & Greg

It has been a full summer at GUMC for Family Ministry. Families were invited to join *Methodists in Action* at Olivet UMC for gardening and distribution of clothes and goods to area residents, participate in the Niles Pride Walk and Pride Sunday at GUMC, and work with the Austin Garden Collective to help enhance green space in the Austin neighborhoods. Our GUMYouth garden beds have already produced enough zucchini and herbs to make 3 trips to the Northfield Food Pantry to date. There are pumpkins and tomatoes in the vines waiting to ripen!

Our Sunday School children took on their own mission work this summer by helping clean up garbage around the church campus and by painting rocks to look like insects to decorate the Gelfand and Sabbath gardens. For mission work in August, our GUMC children will host a Food Collection Drive. Food pantry supplies are running very low. Current news are for 100% Fruit Juice & Juice Boxes, Granola Bars, Pretzels, Goldfish Crackers, Cereal Bars, but any non-perishable food items are welcome. Each Sunday in August, children will help sort and count the donations to prepare for delivery.

Mark your calendar for August and beyond, Family Ministry Events!

- Sunday School continues each Sunday in August.
- GUMYgoesbolwoing on 8/3 from 4 - 6 pm at Classic Bowl in Morton Grove
- GUMYserves with Methodists in Action this summer on Saturday, August 9th at the Olivet UMC back-to-school block party from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm.
- Installation of new recycling and composting bins by GUMYouth on August 10th.
- August 17th, blessing of the backpacks and devices during the worship service.
- Family Golf Outing on 8/17 at 5 pm at the Puttshack. \$14 per person, and at least 48" tall. Call Doris in the church office (847-729-1015) by 8/14 to reserve your spot.
- GUMYgathering on August 24th from 4:30 - 6:00 pm, for fellowship and fun.
- Kick-off Sunday on 9/7 with recognition of teachers and helpers, new Bibles for 3rd graders and new confirmation students, and of course, fun and games.
- Midwest Mission Rice and Soy Blessings Bags at GUMC is on 10/5, at 11 am.
- The Family Ministry Christmas program will be on December 7th.

That just gets us started! Throughout the 2025-2026 program year, we will be joining efforts with Park Ridge First United Methodist Church for some of our youth service and fellowship events. We are currently working on scheduling these events - some may be on Friday nights or Saturdays. If you are GUMYouth or GUMYparents, we need your input on scheduling! Be on the lookout for emails asking for your feedback!

We hope all enjoy the last few weeks of summer and wish all kids and families the best start possible heading into the 2025-2025 school year!

Peace - Beth and Greg

September Book Club

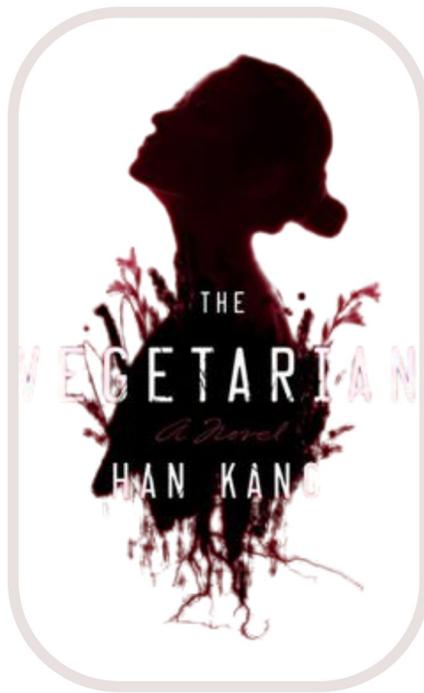


Celebrated by critics around the world, The Vegetarian is a darkly allegorical, Kafka-esque tale of power, obsession, and one woman's struggle to break free from the violence both without and within her.

"Both terrifying and terrific."

—LAUREN GROFF

The Vegetarian



Discussion: September 2

7:00 p.m. parlor

Everyone is invited!



Men's Group on Wednesdays

All men are invited to the Men's Group of Glenview UMC every Wednesday morning at 7:30am in the Parlor. It is a life/faith support group reading a small portion of Adam Hamilton's book, *Why*, and discussing the topics of life and Christian faith. You may just show up to the gathering with some donuts in your hands! With questions contact Pastor Chris at chriswalters@gmail.com

Save The Date!

"The Women: A Story of Two Army Nurses in Vietnam" by Kristin Hannah

Wednesday, September 10th at 3:30 in the GUMC Parlor

Join storyteller and author Lynn Rymarz as she weaves the fictional story of Army Nurse Frances McGrath from *The Women* by Kristin Hannah and the true story of Army Nurse Lynda Van Devanter from her memoir *Home Before Morning...*

Review:

"What a phenomenal experience! Lynn has a gift for capturing the essence of what it was to be a nurse in combat during the Vietnam war. I was a teenager during the 60's and remember how the war not only devastated millions of lives in Vietnam, but also tore our country apart. Somehow Lynn, with her gift of storytelling, is able to bridge that gap and bring healing to all the wounds that were inflicted physically, emotionally and spiritually. She touched every thread of my emotions ... one minute crying at the horror of war ... the next minute laughing so hard I almost fell off my chair. Even today, 2 days later, her rendition still brings tears of agony and tears of laughter to my eyes. It is an experience that should never be missed. Thank you, Lynn!"

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl ministry is a small group effort with a valuable mission at the church. We provide prayer shawls that are soft, lightweight and full of comfort and prayer. Each shawl is prayed over and dedicated to the receiver.

The group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 11 in the parlor. If you can't attend the meetings, please feel free to knit or crochet a prayer shawl to donate to the cause. If you would like to learn how to knit or crochet a prayer shawl, please contact Donna Kwiatkowski.



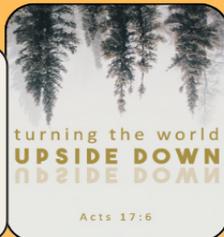
The Spirit Filled Church *Church* **Book of Acts**



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.



Each Sunday at 11:15 a discussion on the sermon will take place in the choir room.

**LAKE NORTH
FALL 2025
LAY ACADEMY**
Sat., Sept. 20th
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 27th
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Wilmette: Trinity UMC 1024 Lake St., Wilmette

Save the dates! Plan to register for the Fall Lake North Lay Academy sessions happening on September 20th and September 27th.

Don't miss this great opportunity to grow, learn, and connect with your faith community!

Join GUMC Members & Guests for Miniature Golf at the Puttshack at Old Orchard!

- Where: Puttshack at Old Orchard Shopping Center
- Time: 5PM, Sunday, August 17, 2025
- Reserve your spot by August 14 by calling the church office.
- Location: 4999 Old Orchard Center, Skokie
- Cost: \$14 per person. Under 18 need parent or legal guardian
- Note: 48" Minimum Height Requirement
- Pay Scott Daniels at the event.

See you there!

The GUMC Engagement Team



Grace is Sufficient



2025 Northern Illinois Annual Conference

Greetings, Church!

Our Northern Illinois Annual Conference in Schaumburg, on June 9th through 11th, began with a guiding theme: "Grace is Sufficient." This was woven into Bible studies, prayers, and later into the actions of passing legislation for mission and ministry.

I was among nearly 400 NIC members of the opening laity session. We were all welcomed and introductions were made to acknowledge the members of the Board of Laity. There was opportunity to converse openly in small groups about our own church's blessings, strengths, and concerns. There were connections made, and vitality and hope grew as we became more present in hearing one other.

During our initial full session of 700+ attendees, one committee's voice that stood out and centered us inward was from the NIC Committee Chair on Native American Ministry, who led us in prayer acknowledging and honoring the original inhabitants/descendants of the land on which we were conferencing, in Schaumburg, what had been previously known as Turtle Island.

Throughout each day, legislation was presented and perhaps modified before being formally passed by "voice and vote." There were, as well, voices being heard and votes being made to ratify, or not, amendments to the UMC constitution that had previously passed at General Conference last year. The tallies and results are to be announced soon when all conferences' votes are turned in.

Please take time to read the 2025 NIC Conference Wrap-Up page on the umcnic.org website. It contains so many more highlights, including the special services for individuals in the Celebration of Ministry, the commissioning of five elders, ordaining six elders, licensing six local pastors, and consecration of a deaconess. There were dedicated lifetime presentations in the Memorial Service and Retirement Celebration for those whom had walked and worked as faithful servants of the church.

Bishop Schwerin's inspiring leadership urged us to see there is power in appreciation of the mission and vision we share together, and in the ways that we recognize and receive others with graceful appreciation.

~ Joanne Richter, 2025 Lay Delegate

Missions & Service Ministry

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



Support Recovery from Guadalupe River Flooding

Over the Independence Day weekend the remnants of what had been Tropical Storm Barry brought heavy rains that flooded the Guadalupe River near San Antonio, Texas. More than 100 people have died, and 160 are missing.

HOW TO GIVE: Write a check to GUMC and write, UMCOR-U.S. Disasters Advance in the memo line.

School Supplies and Undie Collections for Olivet...Wow it's already August!

As I write this, we are not quite into August...and the collection bin has begun filling up with both supplies (including backpacks!) and lovely undies. You are really taking to heart the motto, "Every child deserves to start the school year feeling their very best and ready to learn!" The need is great so I have my fingers crossed that we will see more items filling our collection bins come Sunday August 3rd . That's our last Official collection day because Olivet's Block Party will be the following Saturday. If you happen to have a few things you forgot at home, or you'd like to help at the Block Party, contact Diana Berger ASAP! (773-640-7812; palilaberger@sbcglobal.net). Later or surplus items will go to the Back to School Bag Project of Midwest Mission or other local agencies.

From Olivet UMC....

With hearts filled with the love of God, we invite you to Olivet United Methodist Church on August 9 from 12 to 2 PM for our Back-To-School Celebration, where we will be blessing our community with food, clothing, and school supplies. This is our time to come together and be a light in the lives of our children as they prepare for a new school year. Olivet UMC is located at 147 S. Keeler Ave. Contact Diana Berger for more information.

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.

Evening in Venice!

This year's *Evening in Venice* is on October 18. The committee is still deciding on including a Silent Auction this year. If you happen to come across any potential items, services, or experiences that could be donated to our upcoming silent auction, we'd greatly appreciate you keeping us in mind! We're currently on the lookout for anything that might spark interest—from gift cards and local goods to unique experiences or handcrafted items. Every contribution helps make the event a success and supports a great cause. Thank you in advance for any leads or connections you can share! If you're not sure about your idea, please reach out to Jan Jeffery or the church office.

Worship Info!

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 woman's or family bathroom outside the parlor.

Adult/Baby Rockers are in the north pews.



AUGUST 17TH BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS & DEVICES 10:00 a.m.

School begins on different dates for the local school districts but everyone can bring their backpack to church August 17 for a blessing for the new school year. Don't start the school year without your blessing!

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



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| 8/2 Sue Ready | 8/3 Ari Chacko | 8/3 Ayden Gwozdz |
| 8/6 Sharon Gernady | 8/7 Scott Furch | 8/7 Russell Lindley |
| 8/8 John Hillis | 8/8 Florence Labbe | 8/8 Bryan Phillips |
| 8/9 Joanne Brand | 8/9 Linda Duback | 8/9 John Kwiatkowski |
| 8/11 Skylar Read | 8/11 Colten Tagtmeier | 8/12 Aidan Conlin |
| 8/12 Wesley Villaflor | 8/13 Amy Doherty | 8/13 Christine Miskovic |
| 8/13 Ellen Schaden | 8/14 Peter Cummings | 8/14 Susan Duback |
| 8/14 David Rowlands | 8/15 Christopher Stoddard | 8/16 Trevor Cummings |
| 8/18 Don Brackey | 8/18 Sarah Russell Williams | 8/20 Fiona Doherty |
| 8/20 Elaine Rechel | 8/21 Eun-Hye Choi | 8/22 Jane Furch |
| 8/22 Bob Rowlands | 8/22 Sheri Staten | 8/23 Kristin Phillips |
| 8/24 Rob Frame | 8/24 Emily Phillips | 8/25 Janella Vasquez |
| 8/26 Kelly Schroeder | 8/27 Dave Kleckner | 8/28 Chris Ernst |
| 8/28 David Vassallo | 8/29 Karen Daniels | 8/29 Abigayle Phillips |

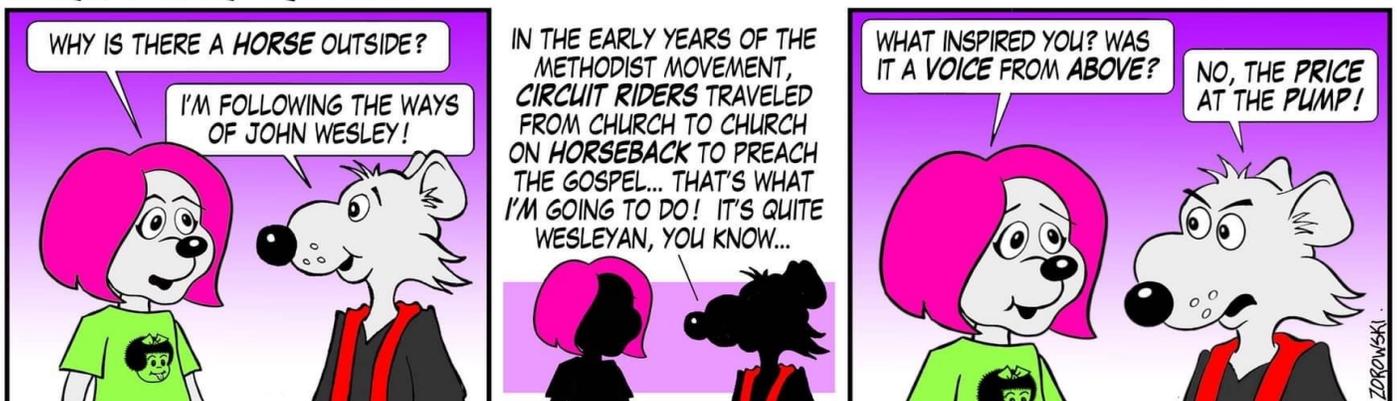
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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| 8/1 Dawn Bode and Tim Chorvat | 8/4 Anne and Leigh Dierbeck |
| 8/4 Sherry and Kent Smith | 8/5 Marianne and Don Brackey |
| 8/6 Cindy and Chris Berg | 8/7 Lydia and Geary Larrick |
| 8/13 Becky and Ken Houdek | 8/13 Allison and PJ Janke |
| 8/15 Betsy and Dick Schweers | 8/25 Renelle and Michel Agriopoulos |
| 8/27 Ralene and Ryan Tagtmeier | |



Church Mice

Karl Zorowski





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Sanctuary Choir

You're Invited! Come Sing With Us!

Do you love to sing? Are you looking for midweek fellowship filled with laughter, learning and spiritual growth? Then come join us!

The Sanctuary Choir resumes rehearsals on **Wednesday, August 27**. Whether you're a longtime member or considering joining for the first time, all are welcome! It is a wonderful way to deepen your faith, build community and make a joyful noise together.

Our first Sunday back in worship will be **September 7**.

We can't wait to lift our voices in song once again!

