

GLENVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE VISITOR



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Friends,

I planted some tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers this year. Cucumbers didn't do well but tomatoes did well. During the last week, however, I noticed that tomatoes were not ripening any more because the sun gets shorter and the weather gets chilly. We see as summer draws to a close the colors of autumn begin to appear. Fall is a time of gathering in the harvest, of returning to rhythms of learning, worship, and service together as a community of faith.

This September, we joyfully begin our Fall programming year—a season of renewed commitment to worship, discipleship, fellowship, and outreach. Whether you are returning from time away, or you've remained deeply engaged through the summer, this is a time for all of us to reconnect and recommit ourselves to the life we share in Christ.

We have much to look forward to:

- Sunday School for children, confirmation class for the grade six and seven, Bible study on Wednesday morning and Men's group also Wednesday morning.
- Choir and music ministries starting on the first week of September.
- Mission and service projects, extending Christ's love to our neighbors near and far.
- Special kick-off Sunday on September 7, with worship, food, and fellowship as we celebrate God's call and blessings for the year ahead.

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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.

Thank you

Thank you all for the prayers, support, cards, calls and gifts while recovering from recent spine surgery.
~ Susan Urban

Celebrate!

The Glenview Methodist Preschool will be celebrating their 60th anniversary here on our grounds on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 3 – 6 pm. All are invited to the celebration.

Bible Study Begins!

Join the Bible study
Wednesdays @ 10:00 a.m.
in the choir room or via
ZOOM. The Bible passages
for the following Sunday will
be discussed. Email Pastor
Eun-Hye
for the
ZOOM
link.



"How Music Affects Our Lives"

September 26-28

Please join us September 26-28 for a weekend of exploration, discovery and camaraderie. This year's theme of "How Music Affects Our Lives" promises to be a lively and heartfelt discussion of how the power of music makes us feel, how it brings people together, and how music in the Bible is used to communicate with God. Share in the beauty of the music that surrounds us and guides our lives. It's everywhere! For more information, please contact Kathy Sawicz, Barb Galarza or Becky Netherland.

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The theme guiding us this fall is *Connecting with Others Through Jesus Christ*. We yearn to connect with others to spread and witness the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are called to reach out and connect with others in Christ through mission outreach, music, and discipleship ministries.

I invite you to take part in this new season of ministry. Your presence and prayers matter. Your gifts, service, and stories enrich our community. Together, we will continue to discover the ways God is leading us, and the Holy Spirit will give us strength for the journey ahead.

Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

Adventures with Beth & Greg

September is always an exciting time for Beth and I because it's the start of a brand new program year...and has that brand new program year smell! (Bad joke?) Please be sure to join us for the Official Start on Sunday September 7th for Kick Off Sunday! At worship you'll meet our teachers and helpers and our 3rd and 6th graders will receive their Bibles! Immediately following the service we'll gather for lunch outside (weather permitting) and have activities planned for the kids! You don't want to miss the fun and fellowship!



Our first Confirmation Class will be held on Sunday September 21st at 4:30pm! Can't wait to get started!



GUMYouth will meet on Sunday September 7th (Kick Off Sunday) to help organize and run the Children's activities. Other GUMYouth dates...

- Sunday September 14th 4:30-6:30 Richardson Corn Maze!
- Sunday October 5th Midwest Mission Food Packing Event! Immediately following the worship service..meet in the Social Hall

Save the date! Sunday December 7th Family Ministries Christmas Program! During the worship service. Details to follow!

We have so much more planned this fall so stay up to date with our weekly email updates and the October Visitor! See you in Church!

Peace

Greg and Beth

What a joyful season it is as we return to the choir loft and prepare our voices for worship! September marks the beginning of a new choir season filled with inspiring music, fellowship, and opportunities to glorify God through song. I am excited to see each of you back in rehearsal and ready to lift our voices in praise.

Choir :♥️: Joys

Important Announcements:

- There will be no rehearsal on Wednesday, September 3.
- Regular rehearsals resume on Sunday, September 8, leading into our Sunday morning worship starting September 10.

Our Focus for September:

Each Sunday, we will center our music and reflections around a powerful theme rooted in scripture and faith:

****September 7 – Building, Planning, Welcoming****

Scripture: Luke Chapter 14 and living for Jesus – “Here I Am, Lord”

As we prepare for a new season, we reflect on our mission to build community and extend a warm welcome to all. Our anthem will be “Here I Am, Lord,” reminding us of our call to serve and be present.

September 14 – Giving Glory to God

*Scripture: Timothy Chapter 1 “I am grateful to Christ who has strengthened me” – “Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise”

We will sing “To God Be the Glory,” celebrating His greatness and our gratitude. Our reflection will focus on acknowledging Christ as our Shepherd, and we’ll lift up the hymn “My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness,” expressing our heartfelt gratitude.

September 21 – Faithful Service and Helping Others

*Scripture: Luke 16: 10 – “Whoever is faithful with little is also faithful with much...”

Our theme emphasizes helping the poor and reaching out with love. We’ll sing “Somebody’s Knock-in’ On Your Door,” inspiring us to be attentive to those in need. Let’s pray together, “From Generation to Generation,” for continued faithfulness in our service.

September 28 – Celebrating Our Men’s Choir on the Women’s Wellness Weekend

To close the month, we will feature our Men’s Choir, highlighting the rich voices and leadership they bring to our worship. It’s a great back-to-choir celebration, and I encourage everyone to support and enjoy this special presentation.

Thank you for your dedication and spirit. I look forward to making beautiful music with all of you as we lift our hearts and voices to glorify God this September!

Cindy Applebee, Choir Director

Join 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 begins rehearsing September 3 at 7 pm in the choir room. Email Capplebee@glenviewumc.org with any questions.



Parents: Please complete a registration form for Sunday School. It is important we have updated contact information for the start of the Sunday School program year. See your teacher or visit us online at: www.glenviewumc.org

The book cover features a gold oval frame containing a dark scene with a lit candle, flowers, and a ghostly figure. Text on the cover includes "NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE LOST APOTHECARY", "THE LONDON SÉANCE SOCIETY A Novel", and "SARAH PENNER".

OCTOBER BOOK CLUB

Written with intoxicating suspense and sultry prose, The London Séance Society is an entrancing tale that blurs the lines between truth and illusion, and reveals the grave risks women will take to avenge the ones they love.

★★★★★

Discussion October 7
7:00p.m., parlor
Everyone is invited!

Decorative elements include a bouquet of white flowers and scattered paper scraps with faint text.

Bible Presentation

Studying Scripture is one of the most important ways we learn about God. GUMC presents personal Bibles to each third grader and Confirmation student as a statement of their growing faith development. We celebrate the tradition of presenting Bibles to our students as a gift from the congregation. It is our prayer that this gift will be a starting point for a deeper relationship with God. **September 7 at 10:00 a.m.**

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"I downloaded them from a cloud."

Annual Update from the GUMC Trustees Committee:

The Trustees Committee is a dedicated committee whose purpose is to be the watchful eye of the building and surrounding property. Thanks to their level of detail, commitment and understanding of the church's needs, the trustees are able to make informed decisions with limited resources at their disposal. In cooperation with the other GUMC committees, the trustees were able to work together to make decisions concerning the church and its current and future needs. The following is a list of work that has been done (in no particular order):

- Replaced stage curtains (old and no longer fire retardant with funds from the theater group)
- New vinyl stage flooring (old floor was splintered and damaged)
- Parking lot striping around entire campus
- GMPS new security doors on classrooms
- June campus clean up
- New industrial freezer



If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please reach out to any of the trustee members. Thank you for your continued love and support of GUMC!

Chris Ferrone, Jane Furch, Ed Porrett, Curt Corbige, Julie Murphy, Dick Schweers

Evening in Venice

Come Join Us! We're excited for our Annual Church Family Social on Saturday, October 18, 2025! It's always a wonderful evening of good company and great food—this year's dinner will be prepared by chef Curt Corbige.

How to Sign Up:

- Stop by the church office
- Register online (www.glenviewumc.org/donate. Choose "Other" and write Venice Dinner in the description)
- Or sign up in person after church on Sunday, September 28

Cost: \$25 for adults, \$10 for kids

We'll also have a silent auction with a few fun items. If you'd like to donate something, please reach out to Jan Jeffery.

We hope you'll bring your family and friends—it's always a night to remember!





The Women: The Story of Two Army Nurses in Vietnam

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*.

About Lynn Rymarz

Lynn Rymarz has entertained audiences with her portrayals of historical women since 2005. As a children's author and storyteller, she enjoys sharing little-known historical stories which have been published in the children's magazines *Cricket* and *Highlights*.

**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 10
3:30 P.M.**

**Vietnam era in-
spired refreshments
will be served.**

Veterans Welcome!

Tickets: \$15

**To purchase tickets call
Church Office: 847/729-1015
or Kay Harr: 847/724-8020**

Field Trip!

Come and join us as we travel to the [Sanfilippo Estate](#) in South Barrington on Tuesday, **Sept. 23rd** at 1:30 pm. Pianos, phonographs, perfumes, trains, to name a few. The articles of presentation start from the 1800's. Come and join us for a fun-filled, educational tour. Cost is \$35.00 for approximately 3 hours. You end the tour with a carousel ride from earlier times. Carpooling from GUMC. Reserve your spot by calling the office. 847-729-1015.

Estate Planning Conversation on October 12

We invited Northbrook lawyer, Eric G Matlin, Founder and Of Counsel to Matlin Law Group, PC, with more than 30 years of experience helping thousands of families plan their estates, to present us "An Interactive Estate Planning Conversation." Eric, along with another attorney from Matlin Law Group, will answer the following questions, along with other questions from the audience:

1. Does my 18-year-old really need estate planning?
2. My dad had a stroke and is unable to communicate. I need financial power of attorney to pay his bills. What's the cost?
3. What is probate, and why should I avoid it? Corollary: What's a probate asset?
4. My accounts are either in joint tenancy or name a beneficiary. Do I need more than that?
5. What is the difference between a will and a revocable living trust? How does a revocable living trust benefit me?
6. What's a testamentary trust, and why would I ever need one?
7. What taxes must I consider when planning my estate?
8. What special issues must be addressed with blended families?
9. Can I get forms online and write my own will?
10. Do you recommend discussing my estate plan with my beneficiaries and the persons I select to act on my behalf in the event of disability or death?
11. How often do you advise me to update my estate plan?
12. What's for charity?

Afterward, the author, Eric, will sign and distribute copies of his 2025 book, *Not Dead Yet* so plan your estate to those who wish to receive it for free. It will be held on October 12 at 11:15am in the Choir Room right after worship service. Please contact the church office at office@glenviewumc.org to register and contact pastor Eun-Hye with questions at echoi@glenviewumc.org.

Use This QR Code to:



- Make your pledge contributions
- Purchase event tickets
- Donate to Loose Coins and Singles
- Make a Memorial Gift
- Make a special Easter, Thanksgiving, or Christmas Donation
- Set up recurring monthly or weekly donations

Credit cards and checking or savings account options available. Making an offering to our financial resources is an integral part of what it means to be a Christian. No matter where you live, or how frequently you attend services, your donations to this congregation are needed and greatly appreciated.

Auction Items?

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.

Dinner Around the World

Celebrate Oktoberfest at Edelweiss

German American Cuisine on Saturday October 25 at 6PM!

Edelweiss German American Cuisine has been in business for over 35 years serving an impressive array of traditional, well-crafted German specialties along with classics like the American steak, chicken, and seafood dishes. Join us for an evening of superb food and entertainment. The music starts at 6PM on Saturday, October 25, and we will too! The last date we can accept reservations is Tuesday, October 14, and we are limited to a party of 20 people. Get your reservations into Doris at the church office now!

- Event: "Dinner Around the World" at Edelweiss Restaurant
- Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025.
- Time: 6PM.
- Location: 7650 W Irving Park Rd., Norridge, IL 60706.
- Order: Each person will order individually.
- RSVP: Email or call the Church Office by Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

See you there!

Member Engagement

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



9/2 Ben Mohr
9/4 Holly Hendee
9/7 Ashley Daniels
/12 Dawn Bode
9/14 Scott Houdek
9/16 Bruce Siewerth
9/20 Ken Ready
9/21 Jackson Ventura
9/25 Bob Frye
9/27 Parker Holzhueter
9/28 Robert Rothermel

9/3 Sherry Smith
9/4 Becky Netherland
9/7 Alisha Potter
9/12 Amanda Losquadro
9/15 Marilyn Robb
9/17 Dean Carlson
9/20 Delia Rowlands
9/23 Jeffery Mohr
9/26 Kayt Ribordy
9/27 Dale Sailer
9/29 Rachel Tweddle

9/3 Justin Zabielski
9/7 Andrew Brand
9/10 Peggy Curkov
9/13 Michael Denzel
9/16 Gerry Gans
9/20 Dick Hoffman
9/21 Randy Johnson
9/24 Andrew Duback
9/27 Eden Cummings
9/27 Laura Sailer
9/30 Guy Mylander

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

9/1 Melissa and Greg Gwozdz
9/6 Diann and Ben Campbell
9/8 Ellen and Chuck Schaden
9/19 Janella and Vince Vasquez
9/27 Joanne and Andrew Richter

9/3 Sally and Tim Lankford
9/8 Laura and Dale Sailer
9/16 Melanie and Peter Cummings
9/23 Kelly Amrhein and Angela Koenigs
9/28 Jane and Gregory Furch



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.

Missions & Service Ministry

SUCCESS AT OLIVET

Oh, What A Day! Yes, the day that Olivet UMC had picked for this year's Back to School and Undie Sunday block party turned out hot, hot, HOT! It seemed fine when we arrived a couple of hours early to help the congregation set-up on the front and side yards for the 12pm event. Clothing items (GUMC rummage!) for men, women and children were carefully arranged on tables and racks. Then, along with the rising heat came a frisky breeze that kept us busy as it lifted and twisted and flipped the items. Hooray for multiple hands for service! Others were organizing supplies, filling backpacks per grade, and then taking them out to a big display table in the shade of the garden. A DJ set up under a tent and began playing loud and lively tunes to wake up the neighborhood. Also under the tent, stood a barber ready to clip and trim wayward summer locks into stylishly studious coifs. A barbeque was set up nearby (no shade!) and coals prepared for grilling. As we came into the noon hour, the aroma of sizzling hotdogs arose, as did the level of sound as Chester began calling out to the neighborhood to get out of bed and come on out for the event. The neighbors were a bit slow to come out this year, likely due to the heat, but eventually the party began! The happy smiles and words of thanks from the parents and kids throughout the event was so rewarding – I wish you all could have been there to receive the thanks directly. Oh, and remember those beautiful undies? Just at the point when I thought I truly would melt, I discovered a circle of women sitting in the cool of the air-conditioned sanctuary dividing the undies into sets and placing each in a little sandwich bag. I wanted to stay in this "United Women in Faith" oasis forever! But I'm glad I went outside again as I got to see all the smiles as people chose their sets.

Big thanks to Becky, Henry, and Mark Netherland for their part in lots of heavy lifting during the set-up, prepping school supplies, helping with the men's clothes, and then standing in the hot, hot sun as perennial grill assistants. Big thanks also to Deborah Kodros, my partner in setting up and wrangling the breeze blown clothing displays. She also became a champion at undies packaging! And Huge Thanks to all the rest of you at GUMC and the Debra Gelfand Foundation for your donations and labor that helped make this year's event such a success! - Diana Berger, Missions and Service Ministries.



Blessing Bag Pack Event

Our goal is to feed **8,640** people

so we will be packing **1440** bags.

We will also be packing **100** personal dignity kits

Date: Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025

Time: 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Location: Glenview United Methodist Church

727 N. Harlem Ave., Glenview, IL 60025

How to sign up: *On line:* www.glenviewumc.org, Click on calendar/events, Meal Pack Event or at church on Sunday's after the service.

Come for a time of great fellowship and great impact!

Age 5 and up and all abilities are welcome.

1 Blessing Bag costs \$2 and feeds 6 people.

Your monetary donation is appreciated. Make check to GUMC, Memo: Midwest Mission Meal Pack or you may donate at the Meal Pack Event.

Your prayers for those in need are valued. Thank you!!

A light lunch will be served after the meal pack is finished.

Thank you for your generous participation to help others!



A Look at 2024

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS



232
DOMESTIC
DISBURSEMENTS



\$6.3 MILLION
HUMANITARIAN AID SENT



2,830 DONORS



33
INTERNATIONAL
SHIPMENTS



3 MILLION
PEOPLE REACHED

2,913 ON-SITE
VOLUNTEERS

7,125 OFF-SITE
VOLUNTEERS

DISASTER RELIEF



48
TORNADO
KITS



28,682
HYGIENE KITS



5,808
CLEANING
KITS



4,214
MENSTRUAL
HYGIENE KITS



286
BED PACKS



869
TARPS

HEALTH



180,720
RICE AND SOY
BLESSING BAGS

1+ MILLION
INDIVIDUALS FED



22,881
PERSONAL
DIGNITY KITS



3,960
HOME CARE KITS



2,610
LAYETTE KITS



606
BIRTHING KITS



1,000
FEMININE
HYGIENE KITS



8,526
HANDMADE
ITEMS



818
SLEEPING
MATS

EDUCATION



396
DESKS



22,590
STUDENT KITS

MICRO BUSINESS



635
BIKES



359 SEWING
MACHINES
299 ELECTRIC
60 TREADLE



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"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8

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Kick-Off Sunday
Sept. 7

Welcome back
Sanctuary
Choir!

Teacher
Recognition!

Bible
Presentation!

Sunday School!

Worship at 10:00
Barbecue and Games at 11:00