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## GLENVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# THE VISITOR



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Friends,

As I write this letter to you, I realize that today is the autumn equinox, the first day of fall. We are busy harvesting the bounty that we planted in the spring, cleaning the garden, planting autumn flowers and planning fall activities. With God's blessings and your dedication, we will have many fall activities here at Glenview UMC starting with the Blessing Bag Pack event on 10/5. Today I heard that we already have more than 100 people signed up to volunteer including our own members and people from the community. With reduced USA foreign aid, the world needs more food. We will pack the bags, bless them, and send them where food is needed through the Midwest Mission Center. Thank you for your support.

On October 12, we will have an Estate Planning Conversation led by Mr. Eric Marlin who is a local lawyer. It is for adults of all ages and in all financial situations. I hope it is helpful for you to steward your personal finances better.

We will have our annual "Evening in Venice" on October 18 at 6pm in the Social Hall hosted by chef Curt Corbige. It is our fundraising effort for the church and also a wonderful fellowship time with family and friends. Tickets are available now and this event is open to the public so bring your friends.

On October 26, we will have Trunk or Treat for all ages in the parking lot. Decorate your car and bring some nut-free treats. You may come in a Halloween costume to worship and show us your fun side.

Fall is also our annual stewardship campaign season. You will receive a letter with a pledge card and a Vanco form from the Finance Committee. Please fill out the Vanco form every year to renew your automatic giving.

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

Susan Urban  
Barb Galarza



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

Thank you all for  
the prayers,  
support, cards,  
and calls while  
recovering from  
my knee replacement surgery.



~ Jane Furch

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Your automatic giving helps stabilize church finance throughout the year. We give our first portion of our income to God as our spiritual practice. Your generous giving and sharing make all ministries, programs, and activities possible for the church and for the community. As pastor of Glenview UMC, I give thanks to God for you and keep you in my prayers always. May God bless you and our church!

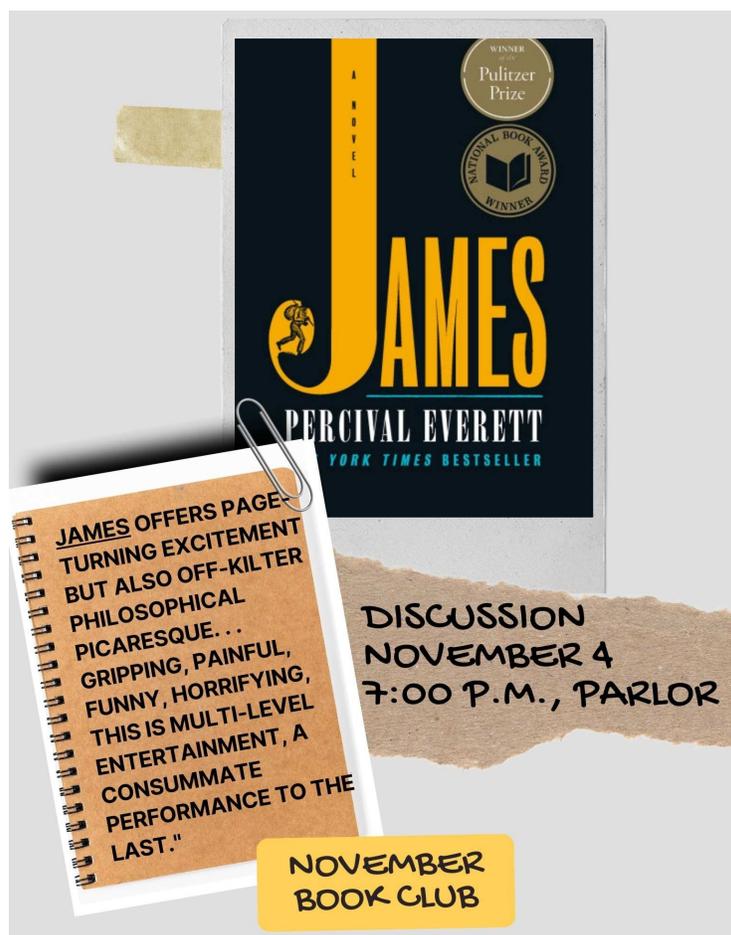
Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

## Join Us!

Join in the October Book Club discussion of The London Séance Society by Sarah Penner on October 7 at 7p.m. Start reading James by Percival Everett for November....

## Prayer Shawl!

The next knitting session of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is on October 7 at 11:00 a.m.. New knitters welcome!



# Adventures with Beth & Greg

October means MLB Playoffs and with the Cubs getting in this year we have fall baseball in Chicago! Oh and the Bears too! Things might finally be looking up for our favorite football team!

Sunday October 5th our GUMYouth event will be working a station at the meal packing event for Midwest Missions being hosted by GUMC. We'll be meeting immediately following the worship service at 11am. This is not only a GUMYouth event as all ages are welcome to register. Or swing by Sunday morning October 5th and we'll see if we can't put you to work!

Sunday School will meet each Sunday in October and our Confirmation students will meet on Sunday October 12 from 4:30pm until 7:00pm.

October also means Halloween! This year our annual Trunk or Treat event will take place on Sunday October 26th immediately following the worship service. All the kids should wear their costumes to church that morning and bring their candy collecting bucket! We need lots of trunks too! So we hope to have a great turnout of church members willing to bring candy and open their trunks for our kids! Please contact Greg or Beth with any questions [Peter-sons@glenviewumc.org](mailto:Peter-sons@glenviewumc.org).

See you in Church!

Peace,  
Greg and Beth

A festive Halloween-themed poster for a 'Trunk or Treat' event. The title 'TRUNK OR TREAT' is written in large, colorful, playful letters at the top. Below the title is a central illustration of a black car trunk decorated for Halloween. The trunk is filled with various items: a witch's hat, a cauldron with green liquid, pumpkins, a 'TRICK OR TREAT' bag, and a skeleton. The trunk has a license plate that says 'BOO!'. To the left of the trunk is a ghost holding a pumpkin, and to the right is a skeleton holding a pumpkin. The background is white with scattered autumn leaves and bats. At the bottom, the date and time 'October 26 - 11:00 a.m.' are written in large, orange, outlined letters. The entire poster is framed by a black and orange striped border.

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

**October 26 - 11:00 a.m.**

Trunk or Treat is a Halloween event where adults decorate their car trunks, which are then lined up in the parking lot for the children to visit, receiving candy and treats as they go from car to car.

**ADULTS:** please embrace your inner child and come ready to have some Halloween fun with our Sunday School kids. Dress yourself and/or your car in festive Halloween décor and bring some candy or toys to pass out.

**KIDS:** Wear your costumes and bring your treat basket. Our adults will be ready to see your great costumes and pass out some fun treats. Maybe have a trick ready just in case....

## 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](mailto:office@glenviewumc.org) to register and contact pastor Eun-Hye with questions at [echoi@glenviewumc.org](mailto:echoi@glenviewumc.org).**

## Celebrate Oktoberfest at Edelweiss

### German American Cuisine on Saturday October 25 at 6PM!

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!

Edelweiss: 7650 W Irving Park Rd., Norridge, IL Each person will order individually.

RSVP: Email or call the Church Office by Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

## Whose Birthday is it, Anyway?

It is with much joy that I announce the fortieth year that our congregation will participate in the "Whose Birthday is it, Anyway?" program. As an important mission of our church, to share our blessings with those in need, this program reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas and the reason we celebrate the season.



For those unfamiliar with this beloved program, it offers us the opportunity to purchase gifts for those less fortunate than us. Our gifts will be the only ones received by many of the recipients this season. The agencies we will support this year are:

**Olivet United Methodist Church – Preschool through High School**  
**Methodist Youth Services – Young Adults**  
**Glenview Terrace – Seniors**

Please note our sign-up schedule for this year:

- **Sunday, November 2, sign-up in person, after church**
- Tuesday, November 4, sign-up on-line, using Sign-Up Genius. The link will be provided through the church website (use the Calendar/Events tab) and the e-newsletter. It will be available continuously until all names have been taken.
- Sunday, November 9, sign-up in person, after church
- Sunday, December 7, all wrapped gifts are due in the Parlor 9:00 - 10:00.
- Gifts may be dropped off in the church office during the first week of December, prior to December 7. Please check with the church office for their office hours.

Please label your gifts for all recipients in the Olivet UMC community with a tag telling the Olivet staff exactly what is in the package. This helps them immensely when they distribute the gifts. Gifts for Methodist Youth Services and Glenview Terrace will be for specific individuals in their programs. They should be labeled with the recipient's name, agency name, and recipient's number. Please remember that all gifts must be new items.

The coordinators of these agencies are extremely delighted and grateful for our continued support.

Holly Porrett, Missions & Service Committee  
Questions? Please email me at [ed.porrett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ed.porrett@sbcglobal.net)

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

*Happy Birthday*

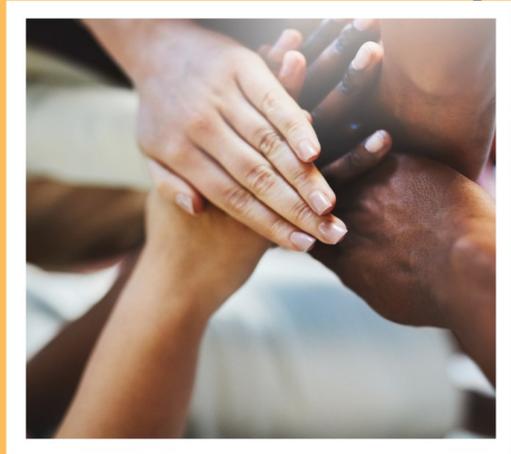
FOR ONLINE PRIVACY, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR BIRTHDAY INFORMATION

*Happy Anniversary*

# WORLD COMMUNION AND MISSION AND SERVICE SUNDAY



Every year on the first Sunday in October, Christians around the globe celebrate World Communion Sunday. It is a day to remember that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and that every Christian Church and any denomination that promotes Christian unity are one.



**SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 3  
10:00 A.M.**

**MISSION AND SERVICE  
PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR INDIVIDUALS TO  
DISCOVER THEIR SPIRITUAL  
GIFTS AND PASSIONS AND  
TO USE THEM IN MINISTRY  
FOR THE FLOURISHING OF  
THE HUMAN COMMUNITY.**



# Missions & Service Ministry

Thank you! Thank you! Because of your generosity, we have been able to deliver food to both the Main and Northfield Food Pantries in the last two months. This year those pantries have come under increased demands to stretch their food supplies for needy families. Your support has never been more vital or appreciated.



You did it! We reached our capacity and are fully signed up for volunteers for our **Meal Pack Event on Sun., Oct. 5**. We are so grateful for your response. Those who have signed up, please be here to work at 11:00 am on Sunday, Oct. 5 in the social hall. Thank you!!! Mission and Service Committee

Loose Coins and Singles in the offering plate will go to: MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER  
Midwest Mission is celebrating its 25th year of helping people in need. Since their beginning everything is done with donations from individuals, churches, groups, and with volunteer labor. It has donated disaster relief to at least 21 states and 29 countries. Besides the food and dignity kits which we assembled at our church, MMDC sends disaster relief kits, hospital supplies, bikes, sewing machines, and many other needed items. They are working to meet basic needs locally and around the world.

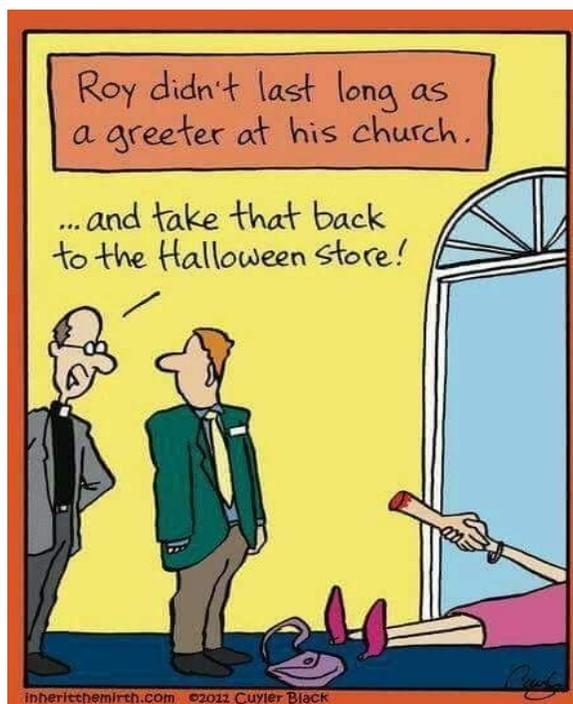


Loose Coins and Singles

## Fellowship!

*Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. — Hebrews 13:2*

Would you be so kind as to sign up for a Sunday of Coffee Fellowship. Just bring in some snacks and juice and place them on the table in the social hall on Sunday. Coffee and paper goods are provided by the church. Your fellow church family members and guests will appreciate your hospitality. Sign up is in the social hall or you may call the church office for a list of available Sundays.





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“Connecting with others through  
 Mission, Music, and Ministry.”

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Chef Curtis Corbige presents:

# AN EVENING IN



# VENICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

A SILENT AUCTION AND TIME TO SOCIALIZE  
 WITH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.

TICKET INFORMATION:

\$25 PER ADULT, \$10 PER CHILD.

CHILDREN UNDER 3 ARE FREE.

TICKETS ONLINE AT [WWW.GLENVIEWUMC.ORG/](http://WWW.GLENVIEWUMC.ORG/)  
 DONATE, OR SCAN THE QR CODE OR CALL THE  
 CHURCH OFFICE.

