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Glenview United Methodist Church

THE VISITOR



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Dear friends,

As we journey into the season of Lent, we are invited to pause and reflect our hearts with the rhythms of grace and renewal. In the midst of the busyness and noise of our lives, Lent offers us a precious opportunity to carve out sacred space and time for prayer, meditation, and contemplation. It is a time to strip away the distractions that clutter our souls, allowing ourselves to be fully present to the divine presence that surrounds us.

As we journey through the wilderness of Lent, we are reminded of Jesus' own time of prayer, testing and temptation in the desert. Like Jesus, we may encounter challenges and struggles along the way, but let us take heart knowing that we do not journey alone. The Holy Spirit walks with us, sustaining us with his strength and guiding us with the light.

In the spirit of solidarity and compassion, we remember the suffering world in our prayers and actions. We have a Lenten prayer tree in the back of the sanctuary. You may write your prayer and hang it on the tree. Then, please take one prayer card from the tree and pray with it at home in your personal prayer time.

We are on this sacred journey together. Let us open our hearts to the movement of the Holy Spirit, allowing ourselves to be transformed by the grace and love of God. May this season of Lent be a time of connecting with Jesus, with others, and with ourselves deeply. It is a time of joyful anticipation as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Thanks be to God!

With gratitude.

Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

Palm Sunday

March 24
10:00 a.m.

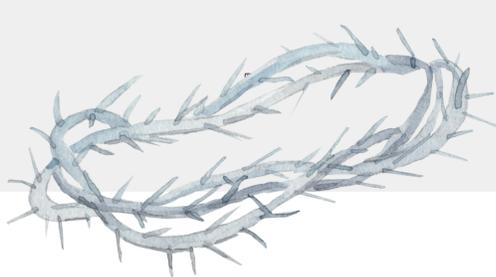
Palm Sunday worship will start with a palm parade from the parlor. Children and adults are invited to participate in the procession. The Sanctuary Choir will lead the way!



Holy Thursday

March 28
7:00 p.m.

Service of soup and bread, prayer and communion in remembrance of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples.



GOOD FRIDAY

Worship

March 29 at 7pm

Jesus' Seven Last Words on the Cross

1. "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do" (Luke 23:34).
2. "You will be with Me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43).
3. "Woman, behold your son!" (John 19:26-27).
4. "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46).
5. "I thirst!" (John 19:28).
6. "It is finished!" (John 19:30).
7. "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit'" (Luke 23:46).

Easter Sunday

March 31
10:00 a.m.

He is Risen

A celebration for all ages! Join us for a worship filled with music and hear the good news we have been waiting for!



Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

Alice Ramos
Jun Ramos
Bob Deme
Susan Slaght



Please let us know if there is a concern in your family.
Pastor Eun-Hye: Echoi@glenviewumc.org or
Office@glenviewumc.org

IN MEMORIAM

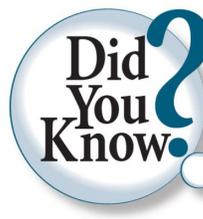
We received news that a former member, Emil Capitani, passed away on February 1, 2024. He is survived by his wife, Diane. There was a memorial service for Emil on February 24.

Please keep the Capitani family in your prayers. May God's love and grace comfort them.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your Coins, Singles and designated giving during the 4th. quarter of 2023. You gave \$1,333.58 to Care for Real. We welcomed Rev. Greg Gross, Executive Director to our pulpit in November sharing information and stories of CfR's services to the poor and new immigrants in their community. Thank you too, for your contributions to Fifth Sunday Appeals, United Voices for Children, \$341.40.

Missions & Service Ministry



You may specify that your bank accounts are "in trust" to Glenview United Methodist Church. You retain total control over the account during your lifetime. The funds which remain in the account at the time of your death pass on to GUMC without estate taxes.



Loose Coins and Singles

Loose coins and singles in the offering plate will be donated to: WORLD RELIEF

Please donate on line at www.glenviewumc.org/donate-online and click on "Loose Coins", or you can mail a check to the church with "Loose Coins" in the memo area.

March 10!

Why come to the U.S.? You give so generously to Olivet UMC, to shut-ins in Glenview, and the migrants that come from horrible situations across the world. Your Mission Team thanks you, World Relief thanks you and the migrants thank you. "But why do the asylum seekers and migrants come?" you might ask.

You can have your questions answered—at least about those coming from Venezuela. Plan to stay after worship for a video of contrasts from what was in Venezuela in the 1970s to now. See what's happened to that country under corrupt government. March 10 we will view the video and then join together for a discussion about what we've just seen.

See you March 10, right after worship!



SOUP & SUBSTANCE

6:00 P.M.

IN THE NARTHEX
(AREA OUTSIDE THE SANCTUARY)

“CONNECTING”

MARCH 6

I see you with your strength. Leader: Marilyn Rob

MARCH 13

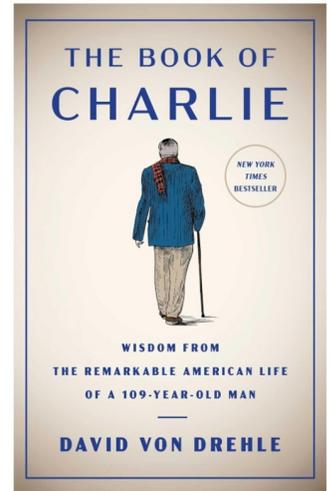
Connecting with family. Leader: Monica Isaac

MARCH 20

Connecting with self. Leader: Monica Isaac

Join your friends for a bite of hearty soup
served with heap of substance.

The Book of Charlie is a “genuinely original, formula-shattering” (Bob Woodward) gospel of grit—the inspiring story of one man’s journey through a century of upheaval. The history that unfolds through Charlie’s story reminds you that the United States has always been a divided nation, a questing nation—a nation of Charlies in the roller-coaster pursuit of a good and meaningful life.



The Book of Charlie

by David Von Drehle

March Book Club Selection
Discussion: March 5 @ 7:00 p.m.

Rummage Sale

The GUMC Rummage Sale is LIVE

April 12th & 13th!

We need your donations and your time – please start saving and mark your calendar.

We need a BTS!!

We are in desperate need for a "Before the Sale" go-to person for the rummage sale. Your job would be coordinating pick up of furniture and boxes from the congregation on a day before the sale. If you have a truck that is fabulous, if not we can rent you a U-haul. For more information please email

Janet Conlin: janetplnit1@comcast.net or Becky Netherland bnetherland53@gmail.com

P.S. Blessings for your consideration.





The Glenview United Methodist Church Bell Ringers are preparing to ring in the Easter season with rehearsals for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday. Ringers can commit to one, some, or all three rehearsals to enhance the worship music for this season. Whether you are a new or seasoned ringer, **now is the time to join and lend your talents.** Please refer to the church calendar for rehearsal schedules. Our first rehearsal is scheduled for Sunday, March 3rd at 11:30 a.m. Join in the fellowship of ringing to praise and worship through music. Consider volunteering your time and talent – *This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!* Psalm 118:24

We are grateful to Beth for her years of leadership and dedication to the GUMC Bell Choir. While Beth will continue ringing with the group, she is stepping down from her leadership role for the time being.

Calling all singers! The Sanctuary Choir is preparing for an inspirational musical adventure as we head toward Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and the joy of Easter. To be performance-ready, we've added extra rehearsals for small ensemble groups on Wednesdays at 6:30pm and Saturdays from 4-5pm. Look for schedule updates to our usual 7-9 p.m. rehearsal time. This Lenten season, we sing to the Glory of God, blending our voices together to bring the music of Lent and Holy Week to life. With extra practice and fellowship, we'll be ready to fill the sanctuary with the sounds of praise. It will be a moving experience for both singers and congregation alike. Join us on this musical journey!

Also, we need instrumentalists for our Taizé opening songs as well as brass, saxophone, flute, and string performers for Palm Sunday and/or Easter.

Thank you for your talent and commitment as we sing to the Glory of God!
~Cindy

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

3/1 Keira Read	3/1 Elyce Ventura	3/3 Mabel Janke	3/5 Samantha Derrington
3/5 Joy Forman	3/5 Jessica Gimeno	3/6 Lindsay Kleckner	3/7 Christopher Berg
3/7 Jennifer Sawicz	3/8 Greg Gwozdz	3/8 Ralene Tagtmeier	3/8 Howard Tweddle, Jr.
3/9 Kevin Denzel	3/10 Jean Deal	3/10 Dick Schweers	3/11 Steve Ellis
3/11 Zachary Urban	3/13 David Slaght	3/14 Mark Netherland	3/16 Richard Krcik
3/16 Jack Murphy	3/17 Orpha Laurie	3/18 Bob Deme	3/18 Pat Fawcett
3/20 Janet Conlin 3	/20 Jeff Ludwig	3/20 Jonathan Urban	3/22 Chris Walters
3/22 Mason Tagtmeier	3/25 Casey Berg	3/25 Dan Stryker	3/26 Jonathan Hutchins
3/30 Carlos Velez			

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



3/14 Valerie and Barry Putman	3/20 Delia and Mark Rowlands
3/21 Marie and Dick Hoffman	3/31 Susan and Richard Krcik

Thank You!

Please accept my sincere thanks to all of you who participated in the "Whose Birthday is it, Anyway" program last December. This was the thirty-eighth year of GUMC participation in this program. Your generosity provided gifts for twenty-four youth from Methodist Youth Services, thirty-five seniors from Glenview Terrace, nineteen children in the Inspired Youth Tutoring Program, and over fifty children in the Olivet UMC neighborhood. So many people helped to make this program a success. A special thank you goes to HelenJo Ellis and Judy Keenan for helping with check-in and packaging the gifts for delivery, Doris Stengl for accepting the gifts early in the office and managing the publicity, Ethel Doyle and Shamus Thornton for delivering gifts to Inspired Youth, Ed Porrett for delivering gifts to Glenview Terrace, and Diana Berger for coordinating the gift pickup with Olivet UMC. I once again share with you a few words from the thank you letters we received from Glenview Terrace and Methodist Youth Services. Please know your generosity during the holiday season is truly appreciated.

Holly Porrett

"...It is heartening to witness the power of community and compassion in action, and your church has exemplified these values in the most remarkable way... Your commitment to supporting those in need has created a positive ripple effect, uplifting the spirits of everyone at Glenview Terrace...Your support has had a profound impact on the lives of those less fortunate, and we are truly blessed to have your church as a beacon of hope in our community."

Jollamma Abraham

Glenview Terrace Activity Director

"...MYSI appreciates your collaboration and efforts to positively impact the lives of youth involved in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. Your gifts have helped the youth purchase items that they've needed, wanted and deserved. We look forward to continuing our partnership as we serve our community."

LaTonia Booth-Johnson

MYSI Corporation Program Assistant

We recently received a kind note of appreciation from Glenview Youth Services for the meal prepared by GUMC volunteers for the children who participate in their Study Buddies Program. Sixteen members joined Curt in the kitchen after church on February 11 th to prepare the meal. Michel Agriopolous, Diana Berger, Nancy Borst, Linda Duback, and Ed Porrett served the meal the next evening at the GYS facility. Thank you to all who participated and an extra "pat on the back" to Curt for planning the meal, making the purchases, and guiding the volunteers in preparing the meal. The thank you note also expressed their hope that we might be willing to participate again in the future. Please be on the lookout in the Fall for another opportunity like this to serve.

Holly Porrett

Missions & Service Ministry Committee

Adventures with Beth and Greg

The snow shovels are still sitting on our deck at the ready, just in case! (I feel like I'll jinx us if I put them away in the garage... you're welcome!). A few Thank Yous for everyone that brought a chili (17 participants this year! A record!) or those that tasted/voted/donated (we raised \$1030! Another record!) The next Sunday was our Mardi Gras/Souper Bowl of Caring service. Cindy and the choir and Spencer's New Orleans Jazz Quartet were amazing and again the congregation really stepped up with their donations (both cash/checks and food items) as we set another record with \$496 in cash/checks and a trunk full of food that went directly to the Northfield Township Food Pantry! Thanks to everyone for your generosity!

Sunday February 4th we visited the Ismaili Center and Jamatkhana on Shermer in Glenview with our Confirmation and Youth. We toured their beautiful Education/Social/and Worship spaces and learned about their faith. Our hosts were so friendly and informative. We discussed the possibility of a joint service project sometime in the future!

Sunday February 25th we took our Confirmation and Youth off campus again as we visited St Martha's Catholic Church in Morton Grove which is home to one of the largest collection of religious relics in North America! Our docent led tour was interesting and informative!

Please keep watching your emails for the weekly Family Ministries Lenten Devotions! Holy Week begins on Sunday, March 24th with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter Sunday on March 31st. Our Annual Egg Hunt will take place following the service on the front lawn (weather permitting).

Save the date!

March 10th is the start of Daylight Savings: be sure to spring forward one hour!

Sunday, May 19th is Confirmation Sunday!

Sunday, June 9th we will recognize our graduates (High School and College) Please contact us if you have a graduate! Petersons@glenviewumc.org

See you in Church!
Greg and Beth

Here is a round of applause to all those who helped make the Chili Cook-off such a success: Curtis Corbige, Linda and Lindsay Kleckner, David McNulty and Cindy Applebee, Chris Ernst, Barb Galarza, Holly and Chris Field and Caryn, Ryan and Emma Granzow, William Doherty, Jason, Beth, Layla and Jayden DeBaker, Tim Walters, Brooke and Maggie McCarron, Monica and Ruby Isaac.

Hottest: Veronica
Macwan and Alison
Parmar

Best Presentation:
Becky Netherland

Most Original: David Kleckner

Best Overall: Susanne Rudolph
and Robin Woitesek





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

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Guide to Holy Week



Palm Sunday *March 24*
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



Maundy Thursday *March 28*
Thursday Night 7:00 p.m.

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



Good Friday *March 29*
Friday Night 7:00 p.m.

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified.



Holy Saturday
Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



Easter Sunday *March 31*
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.

Join us for a
**EASTER
EGG HUNT**
March 31 11 AM
On the Front Lawn
(indoors if inclement weather)