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GLENVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# THE VISITOR



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Dear friends,

In this season of thanksgiving, I am filled with gratitude for the warmth, inclusiveness, and welcoming spirit that defines us as a faith community. Your commitment to reconciliation, welcoming, and God's justice is a beacon of hope in our community, and I am thankful for each one of you.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the blessings we have received and to express our gratitude. This tradition of giving thanks is not unique to our culture; it resonates with ancient traditions from around the world, including those of Asian heritage.

Gratitude is a core virtue in Buddhism, emphasizing appreciation toward parents, teachers, benefactors, and all beings who make our life possible. They describe gratefulness as a sign of a noble heart. In Buddhist understanding, to live with gratitude is to awaken to interbeing – to know that nothing exists by itself alone. Each breath depends on trees, on rain, on the unseen work of countless beings. Every grain of rice, every piece of bread, carries the effort of many hands – farmers, earthworms, sunlight, and time itself. They believe we are not separate. We are part of one great web of giving and receiving. To be grateful is to see clearly – to awaken to the truth that we have already received more than we can ever repay.

As we come together this Thanksgiving, let us remember these ancient traditions and the universal values they represent. Let us give thanks for the breath we take for granted, the web of relationships we have abundantly, the fellowship we share, and for the ongoing journey towards faith and reconciliation we pursue.

May this season of gratitude inspire us to continue our work in creating a more compassionate world. Thank you for being a part of this wonderful congregation and for all the ways you contribute to our shared mission.

Eun-Hye Choi, pastor

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

Susan Urban  
Barb Galarza  
Jim Glass  
Jim Weinstein  
Emma Ramos  
Michael Weidemann  
Lydia Larrick

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

*Welcome*

On Sunday, October 28, GUMC welcomed new members to our faith community. The new members are: Katie Cawley, Bob, Kathy and Maggie Johnson, Bob and Carol Tharp, Annette and David Vander Ploeg. Each one shared a piece of their faith journey on Sunday. We are blessed to have them as a member of our family in Christ.



On **All Saints' Day**, we publicly remember and honor those who have passed away. Celebrated on the first Sunday in November, November 2, we will light candles, ring bells of remembrance, and call the names of those we lost in this past year as a way of honoring the impact their lives have had on us.

*Thank  
you*

We would all like to enthusiastically thank Curt Corbige for sharing his amazing culinary skills and making **The Evening in Venice** dinner such a success! The delicious courses, including appetizers and drinks, with multiple main courses and desserts, were enjoyed by all. He thoughtfully took allergies into account making it better than restaurants for those with food sensitivities. Over \$4,200 was raised for our church while we visited with old friends and made new ones. Our GUMC community came together to plan, advertise, donate and gather auction items, set up, serve and cleanup, but none of this would have been possible without Curt's talents, gifts, and hard work. Thank you, Curt, from the bottom of our hearts and stomachs!

Love, GUMC

# Adventures with Beth & Greg



Before we jump into November (can you believe it's November already!) I'd like to take a moment to thank all of the people that opened their trunks for our trick or treaters on Sunday, October 26. We had a beautiful morning and the kiddos looked so cute in their Halloween costumes! And the smiles on their faces were there because you generously gave your time and brought candy! People say they want families with young children to join our church, well this is one way we do that—by showing up

and making sure the kids know you care about them! Thank you again for making this event so wonderful!

On Saturday November 1st at 10am our Confirmation students and families will be heading over to the Glenview Ismaili Center on Shermer Ave. for a tour and presentation by our hosts. We look forward to seeing you there! Speaking of Confirmation, our next class will meet in the Youth Room on Sunday November 9th at 4:30pm.

GUMYouth will have our annual Supermarket Scavenger Hunt to benefit the Northfield Township Food Pantry. We ask our youth to bring \$10 each to purchase food.

Every Sunday in the month of November our Sunday School kiddos and youth will meet in the social hall during the worship service in preparation for our **Christmas Program** which will be held on Sunday, December 7th...*please be sure to be there each week for rehearsals!*



SAVE THE DATE! Our Annual GUMYouth Chili Cook Off will take place Sunday, January 25th, immediately following the worship service! You won't want to miss it!

See you in Church!

Peace

Greg and Beth





**Music Ministry Notes — November 2025 from Cindy Applebee, Director of Music**

As the leaves turn and the days grow shorter, our November worship at Glenview UMC centers on remembrance, gratitude, and watchful hope. Through song and scripture, we journey from honoring the saints who have gone before us to celebrating Christ's eternal reign and the quiet expectancy of Advent's first light.

**November 2 – All Saints Sunday**

Ephesians 1:15–23 — *"The eyes of your heart may be enlightened, that you may know the hope to which He has called you."*

We begin the month remembering those who have shaped our faith and touched our lives. The Sanctuary Choir offers *We Are Not Alone* by Pepper Choplin, with soloist Kyle Smith, reminding us that God's presence surrounds us in every season. Becky Netherland opens worship with *The Wind Beneath My Wings*, a heartfelt tribute to those whose love lifts us still. A choral communion reflection, "Lord, I Need You," will remind us of God's steadfast presence and our need for His grace in every hour. Our congregation will join voices on *For All the Saints*, *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*, and *Nobody Knows the Trouble I See*, celebrating faith that endures beyond time.

**November 9 – Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Luke 20:27–38 — *"He is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to Him all are alive."*

This week's music affirms the power of the living God. The congregation will sing *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* and *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*, framing the timeless truth that life in Christ never ends. At the heart of worship, Beth Peterson (flute) will join in Bach's *Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring*, lifting our gratitude heavenward. The anthem, *My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness*, deepens that message—praise rising from grateful hearts.

**November 16 – Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 65:17–25 — *"Be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating."*

We rejoice in God's renewal of creation. The choir sings John Rutter's radiant *All Things Bright and Beautiful*, a celebration of the wonder in everyday life. Our hymns—*Joy in the Morning*, *Shall We Gather at the River*, and *I'll Fly Away*—carry us from sunrise praise to the eternal river of God's joy.

## November 23 – Thanksgiving Sunday

Colossians 1:11–20 — *“In Him all things hold together.”*

We close the church year with songs of gratitude and praise. The choir presents A Round of Thanks by Donald Moore, and “The Journey” while the congregation lifts hearts with How Great Thou Art, We Gather Together, and Now Thank We All Our God. Together we proclaim Christ’s reign over all creation and give thanks for every gift God provides.



## November 30 – First Sunday of Advent

Matthew 24:42 — *“Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.”*

A new season begins. Advent invites us to stay alert—to watch, wait, and prepare our hearts for Christ’s coming. Our hymns, Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, Dona Nobis Pacem (UMH 376), and Longing for Light (Christ, Be Our Light), guide us into this holy waiting with hope and peace.

## Closing Thought

November’s music reminds us that faith is both memory and promise—a song that begins in gratitude, rises in hope, and finds its fullness in Christ. May every note and every word draw us closer to the heart of God.

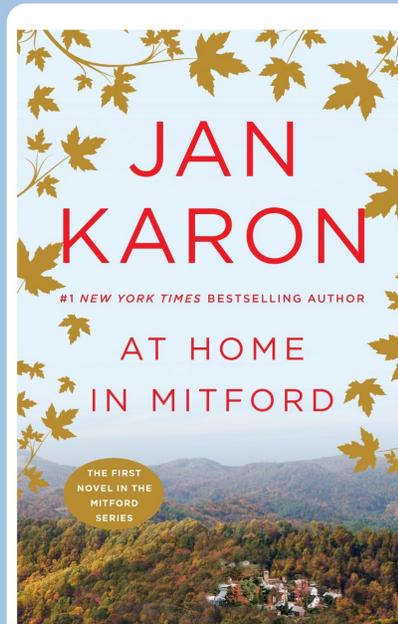
## Join Us!

Join in the Book Club discussion of James by Percival Everett on November 4 at 7p.m. Start reading At Home in Mitford by Jan Karon for December....

## Prayer Shawl!

The next knitting session of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is on November 4 at 11:00 a.m.. New knitters welcome!

## Book



It's easy to feel at home in Mitford. In these high, green hills, the air is pure, the village is charming, and the people are generally lovable. Yet, Father Tim, the bachelor rector, wants something more. Enter a dog the size of a sofa who moves in and won't go away. Add an attractive neighbor who begins wearing a path through the hedge. Now, stir in a lovable but unloved boy, a mystifying jewel theft, and a secret that's sixty years old. Suddenly, Father Tim gets more than he bargained for. And readers get a rich comedy about ordinary people and their ordinary lives.

Discussion: December 2

7:00 p.m. parlor  
Everyone is invited.

# Missions & Service Ministry

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. 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

## The Mitten & More Tree has made a reservation!

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and with that we bound into the season of sharing. We share good times with family and friends and reach out to share our bounty with neighbors in need. To help us with that, the Mitten & More Tree will arrive for its annual 6-week visit on Sunday, November 23rd. Its baren branches will be posed to receive our gifts of mittens, scarves, hats, gloves, coats, sweaters, socks, blankets, and more. Help to share your love by providing these to our sister church, Olivet UMC, for their neighborhood "warming" ministries. If we have a bumper crop again this year, we will also be able to again support Care for Real's clients, many of whom are recent migrants into our chilly winter climate, and all of whom are facing very challenging times. For Questions, contact: Holiday Helper Diana Berger (773-640-7812) or Tree Wrangler Mark Netherland (847-337-2417)

**Thank you, thank you** for volunteering and supporting the Blessing Meal Packs and Personal Dignity Kits project last Sunday. Over 100 of you helped fill 2000 meal packs that will provide meals for 12,000 people! Some of you packed 200 personal dignity kits that will go to people who don't have the pleasure of personal cleaning products: towel, washcloths, soap, toothbrush & paste, etc. And others of you made donations. Your time and monetary donations to Midwest Mission helps in their many mission projects.

**Nine volunteers had a rewarding trip in mission to Midwest Mission, Pawnee, IL (near Springfield) Oct. 22-24.** We were involved in multiple projects: helping build a storage shed, building and varnishing school desks, assembling various health and school kits, helping repair treadle sewing machines and more.

L-R—Annette Vander Ploeg, Ethel Doyle, Holly Porrett, Sheri Staten, Marilyn Robb, Kathy Endo, Ed Porrett, Diana Berger, Helen Jo Ellis.



## 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)

# Consecration Sunday



The Finance Committee of Glenview UMC appreciates your financial support for all missions and ministries of the church. The Stewardship letter, pledge card, and Electronic Fund Transfer form were mailed to you recently.

Please return your pledge card (and EFT form) to the church office, or to the offering plates in the Sanctuary on **Sunday morning by November 9**. We will consecrate our gifts to God's ministries. If you didn't receive the pledge card or if you want to receive a pledge card via email please call the church office at 847-729-1015 or email the church office at [office@glenviewumc.org](mailto:office@glenviewumc.org).

## Circle News!

Eve Circle will be hosting a program given by Holly Field. She will talk about the women's roll in society during the Regency Period as demonstrated in the books of Jane Austin. It will start at 7:30 pm in GUMC parlor Monday November 10th.

**Anyone** interested is invited to join us that evening.



Our **All Church Conference** will be held with our D.S. Rev. Victor Melad presiding, on Sunday, Nov. 23 at 11:15 am in our parlor. All are encouraged to attend.



Join us on November 21st-23rd as talented young performers bring the magic of Arendelle to life in Disney's *Frozen Jr.*, a heartwarming story of love, courage, and sisterhood. Don't miss your chance to see this snow-stopping show — it's sure to melt your heart. Performances are: Friday, November 21 at 7 pm, Saturday,

November 22 at 2 & 7 pm, and Sunday, November 23 at 2 pm. Tickets available at the door.

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# STRINGS IN HARMONY



C O N C E R T S E R I E S

Featuring: Mike Priller & Praneeth Madoori, Violin Duo



## November 16, 4:00 p.m.

Join us for an unforgettable evening of music with violinists Mike Priller and Praneeth Madoori, longtime friends, orchestra colleagues, and dynamic performers. Their program will weave together classical violin duets, engaging pop arrangements, and surprises designed to entertain and inspire. Expect an evening that is both breathtaking in virtuosity and joyfully fun—an experience for music lovers of all ages.

### Artist Biographies

Mike Priller and Praneeth Madoori first met as stand partners in the Illinois State University School of Music Orchestra, quickly forging both a musical partnership and a lasting friendship. Since their university days, they have remained committed to their craft through years of performing, teaching, and practicing together.

Mike Priller serves as the Regional Director of Bach to Rock Music Schools in the Chicago area, where he brings his passion for music education to hundreds of young musicians.

Praneeth Madoori is a versatile performer and collaborator, actively performing with his entertainment group Kochuveetil Beats. In addition to performing, Praneeth is the founder and head teacher of Symphani Studios, an online violin academy known for its engaging and individualized approach to music education.

Together, Mike and Praneeth create an exhilarating duo that blends classical training with contemporary creativity, offering audiences both artistic depth and lively entertainment.

**MORE INFORMATION**

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**Subject:** Celebrate Live Music at Glenview UMC — Support Our Artists and Concert Series

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**Dear Friends, Members, and Neighbors,**

It is my joy to invite you to join us at **Glenview United Methodist Church** for an afternoon of inspiring live music. Our new **Community Concert Series** brings outstanding professional musicians to our sanctuary — artists who share their time, talent, and artistry to lift hearts and strengthen our community through music.

There is **no admission charge** for these concerts. A **freewill offering** will be received to support the musicians who share their gifts with us and to help ensure that future concerts continue to enrich Glenview and the North Shore with exceptional live music.

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## **Ways to Support the Concert Series**

### **1. Freewill Offerings**

Your contribution during each concert helps cover artist honorariums and program expenses. Every dollar truly matters and goes directly toward sustaining live music and the musicians who make it possible.

### **2. Sponsorship Donations**

Concert sponsorships are available. **Sponsors sustain our musicians and extend the reach of Glenview UMC's music ministry through hospitality and community outreach.**

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities or make a designated gift, please contact the **Glenview United Methodist Church Office.**

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Following the concert, please join us for a **Meet-the-Artists Reception** — an opportunity to greet our performers, enjoy refreshments, and connect with friends and neighbors who share a love of live music.

Thank you for helping make Glenview UMC a place where music flourishes, artists are supported, and community grows through shared beauty and sound.

With gratitude and anticipation,

**Cindy Applebee**

Director of Music

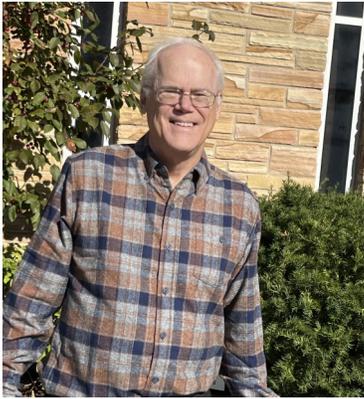
Glenview United Methodist Church

Welcome to our newest members!

Katie Cawley, Bob and Carol Tharp, Annette and David Vander Ploeg, Bob, Kathy and Maggie Johnson



Member You Should Know. Ed Porrett.  
Read the full article in this edition.



Trunk or Treat,  
Evening in Venice, Meal Pack Event

## Volunteer Spotlight: Ed Porrett

How many of us can say we've phone-tapped the Pentagon? One person who can say this is Ed Porrett — the man behind GUMC's technology magic.



Ed is responsible for our Facebook Live services, simulcast worship in the parlor, and theater group sound and lighting. But he does much more than push buttons. Ed has personally installed hardware, configured software, and run miles of wire throughout the church. His countless volunteer hours keep our worship streaming each week. When something breaks, he's the one spending his Saturdays troubleshooting with Comcast until it's fixed.

A lifelong electronics enthusiast, Ed earned his Electrical Engineering degree from Michigan Tech and works for Motorola Research and Development. He helped build the first cell phone prototype and even connected the Pentagon's first cell call during a demonstration trip.

Since joining GUMC in the early 2000s, Ed has embraced every opportunity to serve — especially through the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), where he's guided youth and shared his carpentry know-how.

When he's not solving tech puzzles, Ed enjoys tinkering in his workshop or watching a Star Wars saga.

Next Sunday, take a moment to stop by the sound booth and say hello. We're so thankful for Ed's time, talent, and servant heart!

## Cry For Help

The need for help and assistance is universal  
Happiness is fleeting while we wrestle daily with our problem  
Wishing for an easement given from God  
Praying for insight and freedom from the pressure  
What will we do now?



Looking for faith to carry us forward  
Indecision, like a desert is a barren alternative  
Remember why love urges us to embrace our faith  
We believe love is God's source  
And in understanding that, we carry on til a better dawn.

Michel Agriopoulos  
September 26, 2025

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



11/1 Kathy Johnson	11/5 Derek Johnson	11/11 Michel Agriopoulos
11/11 Mikko Espino	11/11 Parleen Macwan	11/11 Jeremiah Rejuso
11/13 Vicky Ready	11/14 Damian Neuberger	11/14 Robin Woitesek
11/15 Anne Dierbeck	11/15 Ryan Granzow	11/15 Geary Larrick
11/15 Calvin Sailer	11/17 Cindy Berg	11/17 Judy Keenan
11/17 Veronica Macwan	11/20 Taylor Woitesek	11/21 Elyse Martinsen
11/22 Tim Chorvat	11/22 Seth Mohr	11/23 Tyson Espino
11/25 Della Deme	11/25 Beckham Kowski	11/25 Doris Stengl
11/27 William Doherty	11/27 Kathy Hurley-Chatfield	
11/28 Caroline Berg	11/30 Kristin Davis	11/30 Sally Lankford

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

11/12 Sharon and Jim Gernady	11/17 Cindy and Dean Carlson
11/18 Christine and Steve Miskovic	11/20 Becky and Mark Netherland
11/25 Janet and Brian Conlin	11/29 Peggy and John Curkov
11/30 Julie and Bill Murphy	





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**2025 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**

**We Give Thanks**

Sponsored by the Glenview Clergy  
 Association

**25 NOV | 7:30PM**

Glenview United Methodist Church  
 727 Harlem Ave., Glenview

**Key Note Reflection**  
 Rev. Eun-Hye Choi

*A monetary offering will be collected to benefit Wesley Child Care, Glenview Youth Services. A food collection for the Northfield Township Food Pantry will be taken as well.*

*This service will also be livestreamed by the Glenview United Methodist Church (via Facebook and Youtube)*