

GLENVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE VISITOR



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Preparing for the coming Holy Week, we enter a sacred time of reflection on Jesus' death and resurrection—and on our own lives. In honest reflection, we long for resurrection because we do not want life to end. I often say, "I am not afraid of death," yet I recognize a deeper fear: the vast uncertainty between life and death. It is the uncertainty that raises questions like "Why now?" and "What comes next?"—and it is this that makes us hesitate to face death.

We also wonder why God allowed Jesus to endure such painful suffering and an untimely death at the hands of unjust powers and authorities. We ask how a loving God could permit God's own Son to die in such a horrific way, sometimes forgetting that death is the one certainty shared by all living beings. There is no easy or entirely safe way to die.

Yet, as Jesus faced his own painful, untimely, and unjust death, he chose to live with profound love and purpose. He shared a final meal with his friends and disciples, washed their feet, taught them again to love one another, prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane until his sweat became like drops of blood, and, even on the cross, asked God to forgive those who crucified him. In the face of death, he revealed the fullest and most beautiful expression of human life. He transformed life's harshest reality—death—into an opportunity for grace and blessing. In this way, resurrection emerges as naturally as a seed becomes a flourishing tree.

During Holy Week, beginning on Palm Sunday, I invite you to remember the final days of Jesus' life on earth. Walk with him from Bethany to Jerusalem, and on to Golgotha. Encounter the people he met along the way, and reflect on how he responded to each of them with compassion, courage, and love.

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"Connecting with others through Mission, Music, and Ministry."

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

There will be a **Celebration of Life** for **Ellen Schaden** on Sunday, April 12 at 2:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary.

PRAYERS ARE NEEDED

Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

Chris Ernst, Judy Knoblock, Jim Weinstein, Ted Sawicz, Judy Knoblock
Members who wish to remain private.

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

Pastor Eun-Hye: Echoi@glenviewumc.org or
Office@glenviewumc.org

SUPER SENIORS

Judy Knoblock and Tom Urban were chosen by the United Women in Faith as this years "Super Seniors". Judy and Tom were honored with all the other North Shore Seniors at a luncheon on March 25th at the North Shore Senior Center. This event honors senior volunteers and their remarkable contributions to the community.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Board of Trustees would like to acknowledge Jane Furch for her outstanding efforts and vigilance in managing the repairs of the three (3) classroom floors in the social hall. The flood occurred on January 26th and Jane had the new floors installed and the insurance monies deposited within 46 days. That all by itself is amazing and hard to believe. Jane was on site every morning with the contractors coordinating and working out the details of the repairs and the insurance reimbursements. Jane's hands-on approach was key to the success and expeditious repair process. This was no small job to say the least. The repairs included demolition, sanitizing, replacement of the underlayment and then the hardwood flooring. I urge you to drop by the social hall and see the new floors. They are truly something to be proud of. Jane, thank you for all of your tireless hard work on this very important project to get the church back on track after the flood of 2026 .

Chris Ferrone, Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees

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We will all face death—at some time, in some way. The deeper question is how we will live the days we are given: with hope, with vision, with anticipation, and with faith in resurrection. When we live this way, life itself begins to unfold toward resurrection.

This is what I believe. Thank you for the opportunity to share this reflection with you in this final week of Lent.

Rev. Eun-Hye Choi
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You know that spring is just around the corner when all of our seeds have sprouted in our GUMY green house (our church office). Next stop will be planting our tomatoes and peppers in May!

We want to thank all of our Confirmation students and GUMYouth (Trevor, Jayden, Mason and Maeve along with Robin, Izzy, Ryan, Edie, Maddie and Lishan) that presented our three installments of the writers of the four Gospels. While entertaining, we also hope you learned a little about these four Apostles and their own perspectives about who Jesus is to us.

Depending on when this arrives in your mailbox we hope you can join us Holy Thursday and Good Friday services. Easter comes early this year! On Sunday April 5th we will host our annual Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn (weather permitting). It will take place immediately following the worship service.

Sunday School will meet every Sunday in April including after the Children's Message on Easter Sunday.

GUMYouth will meet on Sunday April 12th at 4:30pm. We hope you can join us!

Confirmation will meet on Sunday April 26th at 5pm. This will be our last class before the kids will be Confirmed in May.

See you in Church!
Greg and Beth



SUNDAY,
MARCH 29
10:00 A.M.
PALM
PROCESSION
WITH CHILDREN
AND SPECIAL
MUSIC

HOSANNA
IN THE HIGHEST

PALM SUNDAY

MAUNDY THURSDAY



The Last Supper

*A meal of love, a lesson of humility.
'Do this in remembrance of Me'. (Luke 22:19)*

April 2 at 7pm in the Parlor.

Soup and bread dinner with Communion in memory of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and foot washing.



GOOD

Friday

April 3 7 p.m.

"In the Shadow of the Cross,"
Special music, prayers and Bible readings.

Easter Sunday

April 5

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!**



THE MUSIC CORNER NEWS

The journey through Lent and Holy Week leads us into the joy of Easter, where music once again opens fully in celebration.

April 5 – Easter Sunday

On Easter morning, the Sanctuary Choir will be joined by brass and strings, filling the sanctuary with sound that reflects the hope and promise of the resurrection. Hymns *Christ, the Lord Is Risen Today* and *Crown Him With Many Crowns* will lead the congregation in joyful proclamation. Music will also include an Easter Introit with brass fanfare and Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*, offered as a bold and celebratory declaration of new life.

April 12 – Second Sunday of Easter

John 20:19–23

As we move into the second week of Easter, the focus shifts from proclamation to presence — Christ among the disciples, bringing peace and breath. Hymns *To God Be the Glory*, *Faith Is Patience in the Night*, and *The Day of Resurrection* carry both joy and quiet assurance. The choral anthem, *The Journey of Faith* by Joseph Martin, reflects the ongoing path of trust that follows the resurrection story.

April 19 – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:36–41

This Sunday centers on response — Peter's call to the crowd and their question, "What should we do?" As we continue in the Easter season, worship invites us to consider how we live in light of the resurrection. Hymns such as *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*, *Just As I Am*, and *Christ Is Alive* give voice to trust, renewal, and the call to live differently. The choir's anthem, *Thy Will Be Done* by Joyce Eilers, reflects a posture of surrender and faithful response in the days after Easter.

April 19 – Young Musicians Sunday

This month we will also celebrate our **Young Musicians Concert Series**, highlighting the gifts and growth of students in and around our community. Their commitment to performance, learning, and the arts is a meaningful reminder that faith and music are nurtured across generations. We look forward to sharing in and supporting their talented offerings. (A separate flyer with additional details will be available.)

April 26 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Psalms 23; John 10:1–10

This Sunday draws us into the image of Christ as shepherd and gate — the one who leads, protects, and calls us by name. Psalm 23 and Jesus' words, "I am the gate," ground us in trust and belonging, reminding us that we are held, guided, and given life in abundance. Hymns *Shepherd Me*, *O God, Lord of the Dance*, and *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* support this theme of guidance and faithful following. The choral offering, *Blessed Assurance*, offers a confident expression of trust and joy, sending us forward grounded in God's care.

Throughout April, the music ministry continues to carry the story forward — from the fullness of Easter morning into a faith that is lived day by day. Thank you to all who sing, play, and support this shared work. It is a gift to walk through these seasons together.

Mission & Service Ministry

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME TO CARE FOR REAL

CfR has volunteer opportunities seven days a week between their two locations: Edgewater -5840 N. Broadway, Chicago, multiple days and times, & at the United Church of Rogers Park:1545 W. Morse Ave., Chicago, Thursdays 3-6 pm. www.careforreal.org, info@careforreal.org, 773-769-6182

SAVE THE DATE!

October 4, 2026 -11:15 a.m. Social Hall, GUMC's third Meal Pack. Packing rice and soy meals for malnourished children and families to be sent by Midwest Mission to countries where they are desperately needed. Volunteers of all abilities, ages 5 and up are welcome.

Loose Coins and Singles in the Offering Plate:

This quarter we are collecting for the Bishop's Appeal Northern Illinois Conference. The money collected will be donated to two worthy recipients. One beneficiary is for the construction of a high school in Tanzania. A mission site led by a missionary and NI clergy, Rev. Young Seon Kim. The plan is to build a high school which will help young people continue their education and pursue a future they may never possible.

The other beneficiary is an endowment that supports clergy education for the denomination's regions in Africa, Europe and the Philippines. Today fewer than 5 percent of pastors the US hold a master's degree in theology. The scholarships will equip a new generation of women and men for pastoral ministry.

Donations may also be made online: umcnic.org/2026BishopsAppeal



Easter Egg Hunt
April 5

Join in the fun on the front lawn. Easter Sunday after worship. Bring your basket!

Dorothy Kamenshek
The Original Rockford Peach



Join storyteller Lynn Rymarz as she shares the true story of Dottie Kamenshek, who spent ten seasons playing baseball as a Rockford Peach. Discover her childhood days growing up in Ohio with immigrant parents during the Depression and how she ended up playing with the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League when World War II broke out. Kamenshek and her teammates inspired the movie "A League of Their Own."

Saturday, April 25
11:30A.M.

Join us for lunch!
Tickets: \$15
Ages 12 and under are free.

Presented by The United Women in Faith
Glenview United Methodist Church
727 Harlem Avenue

Scan Here to purchase tickets (use "other" option) or call the office
847-729-1015

Diaper Drive



Deliver to the church collection bins through Mother's Day!

This year's diaper drive will benefit WINGS (Women in Need Growing Stronger). Supportive services provided to WINGS residents include budget planning, counseling, child and family services, support groups, crisis management, goal setting, and access to vocational counseling. WINGS has Emergency Safe Houses in Chicago and the suburbs, Transitional Housing for unemployed survivors and their children with refuge while they seek employment. WINGS apartments are distributed throughout the north and northwest suburbs and Permanent Housing for long-term and optional supportive services to physically or mentally disabled adults and their children.

BOOK CLUB

Everyone is invited to join the discussion on May 5 at 7pm in the parlor!

What happened to Lára?

Iceland, 1956. Fourteen-year-old Lára decides to spend the summer working for a couple on the small island of Videy, just off the coast of Reykjavík. In early August, the girl disappears without a trace. Time passes, and the mystery becomes Iceland's most infamous unsolved case. What happened to the young girl? Is she still alive? Did she leave the island, or did something happen to her there?

Thirty years later, as the city of Reykjavík celebrates its 200th anniversary, journalist Valur Robertsson begins his own investigation into Lára's case. But as he draws closer to discovering the secret, and with the eyes of Reykjavík upon him, it soon becomes clear that Lára's disappearance is a mystery that someone will stop at nothing to keep unsolved . . .



Join in the Book Club discussion of *Downeast* by Gigi Georges on April 7 at 7p.m.

Young Musicians CONCERT SERIES



**Sunday, April 19
at 4:00 PM**

Join us for a meaningful and joy-filled afternoon as Glenview United Methodist Church continues its **Young Musicians Concert Series** on **Sunday, April 19 at 4:00 pm**. This special event celebrates the gifts of emerging artists while connecting our community through music, mission, and ministry.

This brass ensemble performance will feature **Yaneli Solorio (trumpet)**, **Ian Martinez (trombone)**, **Ariana Venecia (trombone)**, and **David Johanson (tuba)** in a program that is both engaging and accessible for all ages. Highlights include *Two Pieces for Three Trombones* by Raymond Premru, the beloved *Bluey Theme*, and the lively *Livery Stable Blues* (arr. Bryan Doughty).

We are especially proud to highlight two of our performers:

Yaneli Solorio is a first-year Music Education major at Elmhurst University. She has played trumpet for nine years and sings alto, participating in Treble Choir, Jazz Band, Brass Quintet, and Concert Band. Yaneli enjoys discovering live music and theatre in her free time.

Ian Martinez is a recent graduate of Elmhurst University with a degree in music. He has performed on trombone for 15 years and euphonium for five. Ian plays a wide range of styles and currently performs with Sinfonietta DuPage while teaching at Bach to Rock Northbrook. He also arranges music for brass ensembles.

This concert is more than a performance—it is an invitation.

Invite your friends, your family, and your neighbors. Come experience an afternoon that is welcoming, open-hearted, and rooted in the spirit of community.

At Glenview UMC, we believe in connecting hearts through **music, mission, and ministry**, and this concert is a beautiful expression of that calling.

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises." — Psalm 98:4

We look forward to sharing this special afternoon with you.

BIRTHDAYS

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

4/1 Bob Johnson
4/2 Marilyn Stowell
4/4 Jack Curkov
4/4 Julie Murphy
4/5 Brooke McCarron
4/5 Juanita Smith
4/5 Xander Vasquez
4/8 Bob Tharp
4/11 Barry Putman
4/13 Emma Porrett
4/17 Kristin Daniels
4/18 Becky Houdek
4/25 Joyce Fridell
4/29 J Anderson

4/2 John Curkov
4/3 James Rejuso
4/4 Ken Houdek
4/5 Brian Conlin
4/5 Joey Roth
4/5 Cheryl Tweddle
4/6 Jan Jeffery
4/9 Janie Martinsen
4/12 Jaxson Janke
4/13 Danny Suhadolnik
4/17 Marie Hoffman
4/22 Matthew Kowski
4/27 Allison Janke
4/29 Lily Amrhein



4/16 Caryn Granzow
4/17 Matt Jones
4/24 Gabi Gonzalez
4/28 Ashly Chacko
4/29 Claire Rowlands



4/8 Eun-Hye Choi and Chris Walters
4/12 Susan and David Slaght
4/21 Sue and Ken Ready

FAITH, HOPE, & LOVE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.
- 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13 NIV



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