

MAY, 2026

# GLENVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# THE VISITOR



Dear friends,

I would like to share some updates from my personal life. As Chris and I prepare for retirement, we have purchased a home in Des Plaines near the Cumberland Metra station. We hope this will be our long-term home. We are currently doing some repair work and plan to move in on May 11, the day after Mother's Day—what a gift for Mother's Day, packing!

For a time, I will be staying between our homes in Glenview and Des Plaines. I will continue working with the Board of Trustees and the Staff-Parish Relations Committee regarding the parsonage and the conclusion of my ministry at Glenview UMC. My last Sunday with you will be June 7.

My heart is filled with gratitude for the calling to local church ministry at Glenview UMC and for the privilege of the many meaningful relationships I have shared with you. I am thankful for every worship service, baptism, Holy Communion, funeral and memorial service, home and hospital visit, meeting (even the challenging ones), Bible study, coffee hour, and fellowship opportunity.

I am grateful for your leadership and for the many gifts and talents you have shared so generously with your church. I am especially thankful for your children—it has been such a joy to watch them grow. I am also grateful that Chris, Tim, and I have lived on such a beautiful campus and in a home that has felt like a retreat center. I feel as though I know each tree on the church grounds as I know each one of you. As often as I have hugged you, I have also embraced many of them.

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

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## **PRAYERS ARE NEEDED**

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Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

**Chris Ernst, Judy Knoblock, Jim Weinstein, Ted Sawicz**  
**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

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## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

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Dear Friends,

We would like to share an important update in the life of our church community. Pastor Eun-Hye's final Sunday with us will be June 7. As we approach this meaningful moment, we give thanks for her faithful leadership, compassionate spirit, and the many ways she has nurtured and strengthened our congregation. Her ministry among us has been a true blessing.

On **June 7**, we will have the opportunity to express our gratitude by presenting Pastor Eun-Hye and her family with a love offering. If you feel led to contribute, you are welcome to do so either in advance or on that day. (In advance is preferred—early checks made out to GUMC with Pastor in the memo line. On the day of - payable to Eun-Hye Choi).

Please know that Pastor Eun-Hye will continue to be available throughout the month of June to provide care and support in the event of any congregational emergencies.

At the same time, we look ahead with hope and anticipation. We are delighted to share that Rev. Dr. Rosa Lee will join us, preaching her first sermon on July 5. We eagerly await the gifts, energy, and vision she will bring as we begin this new chapter together.

Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and steadfast support during this time of transition. We move forward with gratitude for the past and excitement for what lies ahead.

With appreciation,

Brooke McCarron  
Staff-Parish Relations Chair

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I am deeply thankful for your faithfulness and for your love of God, one another, and the community.

I also want to express my gratitude for your financial support of the church. Because of your sacrificial and generous giving, Glenview UMC has been able to do so much in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and loving our neighbors. While your giving may not be visible, it makes all the mission and ministry of the church possible. I pray that God richly blesses and rewards your love and sacrifice.

I am thankful that we still have time to listen to one another, to share hugs, and to pray together before we say goodbye. May God continue to guide and bless you and Glenview UMC abundantly.

With gratitude and love,  
Rev. Eun-Hye Choi  
Pastor

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# Children, Youth & Families

## **Directors**

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Petersons@glenviewumc.org

## **Teachers**

Susanne Rudolph & Maddie Peterson  
Sundayschool@glenviewumc.org

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April showers bring..May! Yes flowers, but also Confirmation and Graduations!

**Sunday, May 17th** we will gather during the worship service and we will hear from our Confirmands as they share their statements of faith and pray over them as they reaffirm their baptisms. We hope you can join us and share your hope and love with them as they become members of Glenview UMC!

On **Sunday, May 31st** we will recognize our High School and College graduates! Please contact Beth and Greg Peterson at Petersons@glenviewumc.org to let us know if you and your graduate can attend. We hope you can! But if not we'd still love it if you could share information with us—plans for their future, etc.

While we don't have an exact date at this point, we will be planting our GUMYouth vegetable gardens some-time in May! The seeds we planted in January have grown into small plants and are ready to be outside! Everything we grow in our three beds goes to the Northfield Township Food Pantry!

As always, make sure to stay current with the weekly e-News and Beth's Weekend Updates!

See you in Church!

Peace

Greg and Beth

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## THE MUSIC CORNER NEWS

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As we continue in the Easter season, the music of May reflects a shared faith that is growing, deepening, and being lived each day. The Gospel of John carries us through May, reminding us of Christ's presence, promise, and call to live as his people.

We give thanks for a meaningful **Young Musicians Concert Series** this past month. It is a joy to witness the talent, dedication, and growth of these young performers. Thank you to all who attended and supported this event. And to the musicians, we celebrate the hard work, courage, and beautiful sharing of their gifts. It was a faithful, meaningful time for our community.

### **May 3 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*John 14:1–14*

"Do not let your hearts be troubled..."

This Sunday centers on trust and assurance in Christ's presence. With guest organist Walter Whitehouse, worship will be shaped by music that is both grounded and expressive, supporting the promise that Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

### **May 10 – Sixth Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)**

*John 14:15–21*

"I will not leave you orphaned..."

This Sunday reflects themes of love, presence, and care for Mother's Day. The Men of the Choir will offer A Mother's Day Prayer, along with a duet A Mother's Silent Prayer. Hymns including Hymn of Promise, Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord, and You Are My All in All will shape a service that is filled with gratitude.

### **May 14 – Ascension Day (Thursday)**

*Luke 24:44–53*

The Ascension reminds us of Christ's continued presence and reign. This day bridges Easter and Pentecost, pointing us toward the promise of the Spirit.

### **May 17 – Seventh Sunday of Easter (Confirmation Sunday)**

*John 17:1–11*

Jesus' prayer for his disciples invites us into a deeper sense of belonging and calling. On Confirmation Sunday, we celebrate the youth affirming their faith and stepping forward in their journey. Music will reflect themes of commitment, unity, and sending our youth into the world with faith, purpose and love. Thy Will Be Done.

### **May 24 – Day of Pentecost**

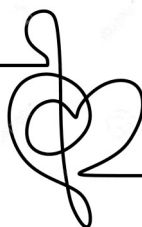
*John 20:19–23*

"Receive the Holy Spirit."

Pentecost brings the movement of the Spirit into the life of the church. Music this Sunday will reflect energy, renewal, and the presence of the Spirit among us, calling and leading us forward.

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## THE MUSIC CORNER NEWS CONTINUED

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### May 31 – (Graduation Sunday)

*Matthew 28:16–20*

“Go and make disciples...”

As we celebrate Trinity Sunday and recognize graduates, this service centers on being sent into the world. Music will reflect both celebration and calling, honoring this important moment of transition and faith.

Throughout May, the music ministry continues to support the unfolding story of Easter — from assurance, to calling, to the movement of the Spirit. Thank you to all who share their gifts in worship and help carry this ministry forward week by week.

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### SCHOLARSHIP

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#### **NILSON SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE IS JUNE 1ST.**

Memorial Committee is pleased to announce that applications will be accepted for any accredited educational program, including but not limited to Trade Schools, Jr. Colleges, Masters programs, etc.

**New this year:** The Nielson Scholarship has been increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500 this year. Contributions to this scholarship fund are welcomed.

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### FINANCIAL NOTE

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Your 1st Quarter statements for your pledge giving to the church have been mailed to you recently. Please take a moment to check over your statement to be sure it is are correct. Is your bank deducting the amount you designated? Any questions or concerns please call the church office. Thank you!

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### GRADUATES!

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#### **8th Graders! High School Seniors, College Seniors!**

June is our Graduation Edition of the Monthly Visitor. Are you graduating middle school, high school college, or trade school? Let us know your plans for the future. Email [office@glenviewumc.org](mailto:office@glenviewumc.org) so we can share your good news with your church family. We will celebrate all graduates on Sunday, May 31 during worship.

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### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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A very hearty **Thank You** to all the volunteers from Wespeth who came to our church on Tuesday, April 21 for 3 hours and performed many chores to help our church be more beautiful! A few tasks completed: Roses planted under room 8 window, Gelfand and Sabbath Gardens rototilled, Sunday School classroom ceiling painted, outside maintenance door painted. Lunch for the volunteers was provided by Curt Corbige. The volunteers loved being here and taking a day off from regular work in the office!

# Mission & Service Ministry

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## 1:55 p.m. Phone Call

Five minutes to go before Doris locks her church office door to head for home. Suddenly her phone rings.

“Hi, I’m from the North Maine Township fire department. Chief Greiner is sending me right now with a truck full of fire gear for you to get to Midwest Mission.”

“Uh, oh. Ok. I’ll call Marilyn [Robb].”

20 pairs of boots, 15 jackets, pants, suspenders, gloves, goggles, and 1 helmet are unloaded into the church. All gear for fire fighters in Latin America who too often have no gear, only tee shirts, shorts, and sneakers. Shamus Thornton, a auxiliary member of our Mission and Service Committee, drove the gear to MWM last week.

Chief Robert Greiner, formerly Deputy Chief in Niles, remembered the ambulance the Niles fire department sent thru the church to Midwest Mission and on to Guatemala in December 2024.

He now had an extra district ambulance “gathering dust” he said, in his fire house parking lot. After getting district approval, he called Midwest Mission directly in January 2026 to say he had an ambulance for them. It would be filled with tools and other equipment from Chief Drew Smith of the Prospect Heights Fire Department. It is now on its way to a save lives in a Latin America village.

We now connect to four fire departments- Glenview, Niles, North Maine, and Prospect Heights. God multiplies our mission work when we don’t even know it!

Mission and Service Committee



# Family Pride Picnic

June 14  
11:30 - 1:30

Co-Hosts:  
Glenview United Methodist Church  
Glenview Community Church

RSVP by June 1  
for the light  
lunch provided

Wear your rainbow colors  
or GUMC Pride t-shirt

Games and  
Activities

Celebrate on the GUMC front lawn  
(social hall if it rains)



## 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.

Three estranged sisters—Avery, Bonnie, and Lucky— reunite in New York a year after the death of their beloved fourth sister, Nicky, to confront their grief, personal struggles with addiction and ambition, and the secrets they've kept from each other while trying to save their childhood home. Published in May 2024, the book explores themes of family, loss, and female ambition through the distinct perspectives of the sisters, who are scattered across the globe.

AUTHOR OF CLEOPATRA AND FRANKENSTEIN  
**Coco Mellors**



A NOVEL  
**Blue Sisters**

**READ FOR MAY**

Discuss June 2  
7pm

Last meeting until  
September

**BOOK  
CLUB**

Join in the Book Club discussion of *Reyjavik* on May 5 at 7p.m.

The Book Club will take a break in July and August, but will resume September 1st to discuss *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi.

Other books on the list for the fall... *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans.

Enjoy your summer reading!

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## BIRTHDAYS

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Here are our May birthdays and anniversaries.

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



5/1 Dee Ann Ellis  
5/1 Emily Krcik Cerny  
5/3 Jade Roth  
5/7 John Galarza  
5/9 Daniel Geiger  
5/12 Sharon Espino  
5/16 Kent Smith  
5/21 Melissa Read  
5/22 Joyce Hosler  
5/26 Maddie Peterson  
5/29 Catherine Berg  
5/31 Hudson Galer

5/1 Bonnie Frame  
5/2 Hannah Russell  
5/6 Henry Netherland  
5/7 Andrew Richter  
5/10 Patrick Keenan  
5/14 Ann Rowlands  
5/17 Ceil Zabielski  
5/21 Karalee Robb  
5/24 Mariann Randle  
5/26 Spencer Peterson  
5/29 Liz Mylander

5/1 Ellen Krcik  
5/3 Michael Galarza  
5/6 David Ventura  
5/8 Larry Stiefvater  
5/11 Donna Kwiatkowski  
5/15 Philip Sailer  
5/21 Annette Johnson  
5/21 Mark Rowlands  
5/26 Owen Cummings  
5/28 Linda Kleckner  
5/30 Allen Pyterek

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

5/7 Matthew and Korey Holzhueter  
5/9 Susan and Tom Urban  
5/15 Judy and Patrick Keenan  
5/21 Caryn and Will Granzow  
5/28 Barb and Keith Cordell  
5/28 Bonnie and Rob Frame





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# TOP OF THE HEAD Thank you!

A HUGE HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO

Allison Perry and Bruce and Sarane Siewerth

for chairing this year's Rummage Sale. It was a huge success! There are so many more people to thank who worked tirelessly every day/all day/all week, collecting, sorting, displaying, working the sale and finally cleaning up when it was all over.

Without the help, this huge event would not have been possible.

Everyone deserves a standing ovation!!!

