

JUNE, 2026

GLENVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE VISITOR



Dear friends,

While packing my church office, I found a photograph tucked away at the bottom of a drawer. It was a picture Pastor Rosa and I took together at the reception following her ordination in the Northern Illinois Conference. I can't remember the exact year—you'll have to ask her when she arrives! Because of the age difference between us, we didn't often have chances to spend time together at school or conference events. But in that picture from her ordination, we are smiling together with such joy.

That photograph brought back a flood of memories—images from my own ordination, and pictures from every church I have had the privilege to serve. The funniest one of all is a picture someone took on my very first Sunday at my first appointment, First UMC of Palatine. In it, I'm smiling so broadly and brightly. Every time I looked at that picture, I would think, *What an innocent person I was—so happy, and with so little idea of what ministry would truly ask of me.*

To be honest, ministry in every church has had its challenges. If I placed smiles and tears on a scale, there may have been more tears—especially in those early years. And yet, I know what a profound privilege it has been to serve local churches as an ordained minister: leading worship, preaching the Word, celebrating the Sacraments, officiating weddings and funerals, praying with those who are sick and grieving, and sharing in the ordinary rhythms of life—eating together, laughing together, and sometimes crying together.

It has been a deep honor to serve with you at Glenview UMC these past eight years and to retire from ministry here among you. Thank you for the trust, love, and support you have shown me throughout my time at this church.

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PRAYERS ARE NEEDED

Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

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

There will be a Celebration of Life service for Gary Harr,
son of Kay Harr, on Saturday, June 20 at 11 a.m.

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

FAREWELL LUNCHEON

On **June 7**, we will have the opportunity to celebrate Pastor Eun-Hye with a farewell luncheon. Please join us in the social hall after worship for a party prepared by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. **WORSHIP BEGINS AT 9:45!**

JUNE RAINBOW EVENTS

June is Pride month: As United Methodists we celebrate all of God's creation. This month we highlight the LBGTQ+ community. Please show your support by participating in as many of these events as possible:

June Book Club: Join Glenview UMC and Glenview Community Church for a combined book club discussing the devotional, *God Didn't Make Us to Hate*. June 1st at GUMC, June 15 at GCC and June 29 at GUMC, 6:30 – 7:30. Come for one, two or all!

June 6: Niles Pride Walk, 11:00 a.m. Kirk Lane Park . Last year 30 of our congregants showed our support. Let's continue that tradition!

June 14: Pride Sunday worship service and picnic: During worship some of our young people will share their thoughts on what inclusion means to them. Coffee fellowship will follow and then Glenview Community Church will join us at 11:30 in the front lawn (social hall if rain) for a light lunch and fun activities for all. **Please RSVP to the office for the lunch count.** Tables will be available by the sanctuary doors for those not feeling comfortable on the grass!

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It may sound like a cliché, but it remains true: pastors come and go, but the church continues forward by the grace of God in Jesus Christ and through the love and faithfulness of believers. Christ Jesus is, and always will be, the head of the church.

So when your new pastor arrives, help her keep the joyful smile she wore in that ordination picture. Walk with her. Encourage her. Build up the Body of Christ together through the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the sake of a hurting and grieving world.

And finally, I want to say this plainly and without hesitation: I have loved you. My love was imperfect and sometimes flawed, but it was sincere. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your lives and your faith journey. And where I have made mistakes or fallen short, I ask for your forgiveness and your generous grace.

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

SANCTUARY PERKS

Large print hymnals and bulletins are located on the offering plate table. Please return the hymnal after worship.

Diaper changing station is located in the woman's or family bathroom outside the parlor.

Adult/Baby Rockers are in the north pews.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

The office is glad to accept a name, phone number or address of a family member or good friend to contact in an emergency. This information will be kept confidential. You can call or email the office with the information.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Jessica Gimeno!** Jessica has finished the Post-Baccalaureate Program for Counseling & Psychology Professions at University of California-Berkeley; Jessica attended Berkeley's program on a full scholarship and graduated in December, 2025. Jessica has also finished her Master of Public Policy & Administration at Northwestern University.

Read about all our graduates in the *Children, Youth and Families* section of this *Visitor*.



MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT EVENT

You're Invited to a One-of-a-Kind Puppet Show! Opera in Focus!
Saturday, July 18 | 3:30 PM , 3000 Central Road, Rolling Meadows

Experience something truly rare: a professional rod puppet performance — the only show of its kind in the world. Unlike traditional string puppets, these masterfully crafted characters are operated from beneath a specially built stage, creating a breathtaking illusion of a live opera and Broadway production.

The repertoire blends beloved popular favorites with operatic classics. After the one-hour performance, guests are invited backstage for a behind-the-scenes demonstration of how the puppets work, with a look at the mechanics and characters from other productions.

Tickets: Adults — \$14.00, Seniors (60+) — \$12.00, Children (under 12) — \$8.

Arranged by GUMC Membership Engagement Committee, **this is a private performance for GUMC members and friends**, with seating limited to 60 guests. Reservations are required. To reserve your spot, contact Ethel Doyle at 847-975-0361

Children, Youth & Families

Directors

Beth and Greg Peterson
Petersons@glenviewumc.org

Teachers

Susanne Rudolph & Maddie Peterson
Sundayschool@glenviewumc.org

May was a month filled with joy and celebration. From confirmations to graduations, our community came together to honor important milestones in the lives of our young people.

On May 17th, four youth were confirmed in our church. **Trevor Cummings, Jayden DeBaker, Maeve Doherty,** and **Mason Tagtmeier** each shared a heartfelt witness of their faith journey before being welcomed by the congregation. We are grateful to their mentors—Janet Ferrone, Jack Murphy, Maddie Peterson, and Robin Woitesek—for their dedication in preparing the confirmands for this special day.

On May 31st, we celebrated our graduates from three different levels of education.

8th Grade Graduates: Edie Cummings, Ryan Granzow, and Izabelle Janke

High School Graduates: Owen Cummings, Mikko Espino, Ben Parker, and Keira Read

College Graduates: Tyson Espino and Skylar Read

Owen Cummings, Ben Parker, and Keira Read graduated from Glenbrook South High School, while Mikko Espino graduated from Maine West High School. Owen will attend the University of Missouri to study journalism, Mikko will attend Illinois State University for Exploratory Studies and Musical Theatre, Ben will attend the University of Nebraska for Sports Broadcasting and Communications and Keira will attend the University of Iowa for Musical Theatre and possibly Music Therapy.

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Tyson Espino graduated from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and is considering either pursuing a Master's degree in Public Health or taking a gap year to travel. Skylar Read graduated from the University of Iowa with a teaching degree in History, Social Studies, and Psychology. We are proud of all our graduates and wish them the very best as they begin their next adventures!

During May, our Sunday School children engaged in fun and creative learning experiences. They studied biblical topics such as how God made the seasons and the important mothers in the Bible. Our talented Sunday School teachers combined storytelling, games, and crafts to help children learn about Jesus and the Bible. Students also made Mother's Day flowers and Pentecost banners as part of their learning activities. Beginning on Memorial Day, our summer Sunday School and preschool care schedule started. These programs will continue every Sunday during the worship service until Rally Day in the fall.

While Confirmation takes a break over the summer, GUMYouth will continue. Youth interested in attending Joy Camp can register now. Joy Camp is open to rising 5th through 12th graders. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.joycamp.org/>.

The GUMY garden has been planted and is in its early stages of growth. As summer progresses, the garden will need more care and attention. If you are interested in joining the GUMYgarden team, please let us know! All vegetables grown in the GUMY garden are donated to the Northfield Township Food Pantry, helping families in our community.

Galatians 3:28 says: "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Romans 15:7 states: "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, to bring praise to God." Pride Sunday will be celebrated at GUMC on June 14th and will focus on inclusion and acceptance. GUMYouth and young adults will share their witness to Jesus' message of inclusion. Please join us for the worship service with picnic to follow!

Last but not least, for the past couple of years, GUMYouth has focused on making our church more environmentally sustainable. This year, we are shifting our focus slightly while still focusing on the environment. We are excited to announce a new Family Ministry initiative called "60 Hikes within 60 Miles." The challenge is simple: Can GUMC families collectively complete 60 hikes within 60 miles of Chicago in one year? This is a fun way for our church community to connect with the outdoors while staying active, healthy, and maybe even connecting with one another on the trails! For more information and details on how to join and document your accomplishments, check the weekend updates or contact petersons@glenviewumc.org to be added to the email list.

Peace,

Beth and Greg

THE MUSIC CORNER NEWS

As summer blossoms, our choir continues cultivating gratitude, joy, and worship through music together.

June 7 – A Musical Thank You and Blessing

Pastor Eun-Hye, Pastor Chris, and son Tim will be with us for their final Sunday here at GUMC. As we say thank you and celebrate the journey we have shared, Spencer Peterson and Jack Sundstrom will begin the morning with joyful jazz-inspired pre-prelude music beginning at **9:45 a.m.**

Spencer and Jack will also accompany the choir throughout the service, including **"Here I Am, Lord,"** reminding us of God's calling and guiding presence among us. During our closing moments together, they will join the choir for **"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"** as we send our love and blessings forward.

Though seasons of ministry change, our hearts remain connected. We carry the baton of music leadership today and will continue to sing, guide, and share God's love through worship.

June 14 – A Place at the Table

The choir will lead the congregation in **"For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table"** and **"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling."** Jan Hutchins will accompany worship.

June 14 celebrates God's love, welcome, and the beauty of belonging.

June 21 – Annual Hymn Sing Sunday

One of our favorite summer traditions returns. During our annual Hymn Sing service, we will share favorite hymns chosen by our congregation. Choir members and friends will offer stories and reflections on the history and meaning behind these beloved songs.

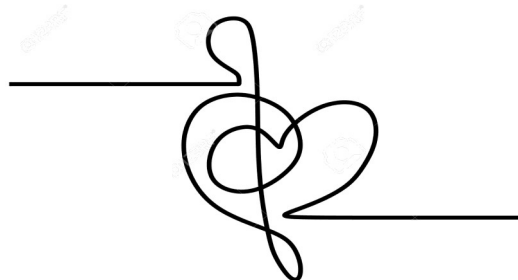
"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth." — Psalm 96:1

Music has always been woven into worship as a gift that unites hearts, strengthens faith, and allows us to praise God together in joy, comfort, and gratitude.

June 28 – Special Music

Join us as we continue our summer worship journey with special music and shared moments of inspiration together. We welcome our own **Lindsay Kleckner**, who will share vocal special music during worship.

We look forward to gathering together throughout the month as we continue worshiping in song.



Mission & Service Ministry



When Midwest Mission was delivering desks made by volunteers to remote villages in Honduras, they found that the schools were in desperate need of school supplies. If you have supplies that you may throw away or don't need any longer, please consider donating them for schools in Honduras. New or used items gratefully accepted. Backpacks, pencil and pencil cases, markers, erasers, crayons, rulers, scissors, glue, spiral notebooks are a few ideas! Drop off in the donation bin before June 15th.

A letter from Pastor Rosa Lee reprinted from the *March Visitor* at the request of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee.

Grace and peace to you, Glenview UMC,

My name is Rosa Lee. I am the pastor of Dixon Grace UMC, having previously served Milledgeville UMC and the Wesley Foundation at Northern Illinois University. Each context congregational and campus ministry — has shaped my pastoral leadership and deepened my commitment to relational, community-engaged ministry.

In ministry, I place intentional focus on creativity in worship, preaching that connects Scripture with daily life, individualized pastoral care - especially through hospice journeys - strong community engagement, and collaborative, organized leadership. I also carry a heartfelt passion for multi-generational ministry and campus ministries, including youth and young adults, shaped deeply by my former service as a youth pastor and campus minister.

Currently, I live in Sterling with my husband, who is also a United Methodist pastor serving Sterling Wesley UMC, and our Goldendoodle puppy, Harry - currently seven months old. Harry is in training to become a therapy dog, with the hope that he will one day share comfort and joy with seniors, children, and anyone needing a gentle presence. (Yes - we joke that one day we may add "Potter" and have Harry Potter therapy dogs.) When I have free time, I enjoy playing organ and piano, kayaking, hiking, walking, reading, and good, strong coffee - often with ice cream or pie alongside. As I come to Glenview, I do so with gratitude, humility, and hope. I am aware that I follow meaningful pastoral leadership and that I come as the third consecutive Korean female pastor. I hold this not as a barrier, but as a sacred trust — an invitation to listen deeply, lead faithfully, and build relationships with care.

I believe the Church is strongest when we cultivate trust, communicate openly, and keep Christ at the center of all we do. I look forward to worshiping with you, learning your stories, and partnering in God's mission for Glenview UMC and the wider community. I am grateful for this precious opportunity to serve Glenview UMC. I am truly excited for the journey ahead.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Dr. Rosa Lee

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

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

6/2 Beckett Cummings	6/2 Emma Granzow	6/2 Stephanie Yonkers
6/3 Ed Porrett	6/3 Meg Pyterek	6/4 Steve Urban
6/6 Laura Corbiga	6/6 Matthew Furch	6/6 Benjamin Keenan
6/7 Carol Tharp	6/8 Alice Joyce Kowski	6/10 Steve Cummings
6/10 Karina Johnson	6/11 Jan Hutchins	6/11 Kari Serbe
6/13 Andrew Daniels	6/14 Brian Porrett	6/15 Susan Slaght
6/16 Curtis Corbiga	6/17 Keith Cordell	6/17 Ted Sawicz
6/19 John Potter	6/19 Michael Potter	6/19 Charlotte Ward
6/20 Larry Brand	6/21 Katie Cawley	6/21 John Keenan
6/23 Tyler Phillips	6/24 Alice Ramos	6/25 Judy Knoblock
6/27 William Frame	6/29 Chuck Schaden	6/30 Beth DeBa'



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

6/6 Donna and John Kwiatkowski	6/7 Alice and Mac Ramos
6/10 Michelle and Steve Cummings	6/14 Beth and Jason DeBaker
6/14 Jan and Tom Hutchins	6/14 Helen and Jim Weinstein
6/21 Liz and Guy Mylander	6/26 Karen and Scott Daniels
6/28 Erin and Kyle Smith	6/29 Cheryl and Howard Twedde, Jr.



Join in the Book Club discussion of *Blue Sisters* on June 2 at 7PM.

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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Hymn Sing

June 28

10:00 a.m.

Cindy Applebee, the GUMC Music Director, will tabulate the most requested hymns. Come and see if yours was one of the most popular. Submit your hymns to the church office or on the inserts in the Sunday bulletins on 6/7 and 6/14.

The graphic features the words 'Hymn Sing' in a large, green, stylized font. Below the text is a musical staff with green notes and a treble clef. A colorful butterfly is flying over the staff. The date 'June 28' and time '10:00 a.m.' are written in a large, green, outlined font. The entire graphic is enclosed in a green border.