

GLENVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE VISITOR



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Psalm 105:4-5 "Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done."

As we enter September, I am beginning my third month with you at Glenview United Methodist Church. In many ways, I still feel like we are just beginning our journey together. Around us, a new school year has begun. Students are entering new classrooms, teachers are meeting new students, families are settling into new schedules, and our community is finding a new rhythm. I think the church also has seasons like this. These first two months, I have been learning—learning your names, your stories, your traditions, and the many ways you have loved and served God through this church. And I know I still have much more to learn. That is why, beginning in September, we will start our **Listening Tour**. I want to hear from you. What do you love about Glenview UMC? What has God done through this church? What are you concerned about? And perhaps most importantly, **what do you hope for our future?**

No, I do not believe we need to rush. Healthy change takes time. Before we decide where we are going, we need to listen—to one another, to our community, and especially to God. At the same time, **moving slowly does not mean standing still.**

As many of you know, I have a puppy, Harry, who will soon begin some serious training toward becoming a therapy dog. There are many things he needs to learn, but one of the most important is very simple: **he needs to listen.** He needs to listen to what I or his dad tells him—not because we want to control everything he does, but because we want him to have fun, to be healthy, and most importantly, to be safe.

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

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PRAYERS ARE NEEDED

Let us remember the following members in our prayers.

Susan Urban, Russell Lindley

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

PastorRosa@glenviewumc.org or
Office@glenviewumc.org

MEMORIAL



Don Brackey passed way on June 8, 2026. Don was a beloved member of this congregation. There will be a Memorial Service for Don on Friday, September 25 at 11a.m. in the Sanctuary.

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Update from Coordinating Council regarding Wesley Child Care Expansion

On July 22nd, Wesley Child Care advanced its plans to construct a new, expanded facility following a favorable recommendation from the Glenview New Development Commission. This expansion entails a land sale from Glenview United Methodist Church (GUMC) to Wesley Child Care, enabling Wesley to construct a new building on the section of the campus it currently occupies.

In the period leading up to the Commission's recommendation, GUMC Trustees engaged in active land sale negotiations with Wesley. In parallel, GUMC Leadership, the District, and the Conference conducted comprehensive due diligence regarding a real estate transaction. The project will require several years to realize and remains pending final authorization by the Village of Glenview. Upon Wesley securing complete approval, GUMC will schedule a formal informational meeting for the congregation.

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My husband and I will never intentionally lead Harry into a dangerous situation. We are not perfect puppy parents. We are only human beings! But we are doing our best to help him grow, to guide him well, and to lead him toward what is good for him.

And this makes me think about our relationship with God. If I, an imperfect human being, try my best to lead my dog toward what is good and safe, how **much more can we trust our perfect God, whose love for us is greater than we can imagine?** We may not always understand where God is leading us. Sometimes we may want to run ahead. Sometimes we may want to stay exactly where we are because it feels comfortable. And sometimes, like Harry, we may get distracted by something much more interesting along the way! But God continues to call us to listen. Perhaps this is what God is asking of us in this new season: **Listen. Seek. Remember. Trust.**

Remember what God has already done through this church. Listen carefully to one another. Seek God's presence in our community. And trust that God is still leading us toward a future filled with possibility. There are people in our community we have not met yet. There are younger generations who need a church that welcomes them. There are neighbors who are lonely, families searching for community, and people who need to know that they are loved by God. So as we begin this next season together, I invite you to ask: **Where is God leading us? Who is God calling us to become? And are we willing to listen?**

I don't have all the answers—and I don't think I should. We will discover them together as we seek God's leadership in every moment of our lives and ministry. We don't need to rush. But we do need to listen. And most of all, **we can trust the One who is leading us.**

With Love,

Pastor Rosa

LISTENING TOUR CONTINUES

Pastor Rosa's Listening Tour Continues! Who is GUMC? She is waiting to hear from you! The following dates and times are still available. Please call the church office to select your time or you can go to: www.glenviewumc.org/current-events/listening-tour to sign up online.

Tues., 9/8 at 1:30 pm in the parlor

Mon., 9/14 at 9:30 am in the parlor

Mon., 9/21 at 1:30 pm in the parlor

Mon., 9/28 at 7 pm via Zoom

Children, Youth & Families

Directors

Beth and Greg Peterson
Petersons@glenviewumc.org

Teachers

Susanne Rudolph & Maddie Peterson
Sundayschool@glenviewumc.org

The end of summer... September brings those cooler mornings and earlier sunsets, but that also means playoff baseball for both the North and South side this year? Wouldn't that be something! Da Bears are back too! Could be an amazing fall if you're a Chicago sports fan!

We hope that you'll join us on Sunday, September 13th for Kick Off Sunday! Lots of food and fellowship following the worship service. Call it our annual "party" to ring in a new program year for Sunday School and GUMYouth! Also time to recognize our Sunday School teachers and helpers! They are vital to our ministry! Speaking of ringing in a new program year— Beth is stepping back into the role as Bell Choir director as we are welcoming GUMYouth to participate, as well as, adult mentor ringers who will work side by side with them! We look forward to hearing them perform this year! Rehearsals will be held Sunday mornings following the worship service.

We need your pictures! We need you to peruse your photos from this summer and email us your hiking pictures and your ice cream pictures too! You can send them to Petersons@glenviewumc.org!

Please be sure to stay current with Sunday School and GUMYouth happenings via our GUMC weekly e-news sent to your inbox and Beth's weekend update emails as well!

We hope you were able to join us for our first *Music on the Porch* event on Saturday, August 29th and left with lots of good music in your hearts and souls! Thanks to all of our bands and musicians that performed! It was an amazing lineup!

See you in Church!

Beth and Greg

REGISTER

NOW!



*Bible
Presentation*

Studying Scripture is one of the most important ways we learn about God. GUMC presents personal Bibles to each student, third grade and up, as a statement of their growing faith development. We celebrate the tradition of presenting Bibles to our students as a gift from the congregation. It is

our prayer that this gift will be a starting point for a deeper relationship with God. **September 13 at 10:00 a.m.**

Parents: Please complete a registration form for Sunday School. It is important we have updated contact information for the start of the Sunday School program year. See your teacher for a registration card.

THE MUSIC CORNER — SEPTEMBER

As summer comes to a close, we are grateful for the beautiful music that continued to enrich our worship throughout August. A special thank you to **Ashly, Scott, David K., Kathy, Joanne, Diana, and Maggie** for sharing their musical gifts with our congregation this past month. We are also grateful for the many voices and creative gifts that have carried us through the summer months and helped make our worship meaningful each week.

Welcome! Sanctuary Choir Returns!

First Wednesday Rehearsal: September 2, 6:30–8:00 p.m. *(note new starting time)*

First Sunday Rehearsal: September 13, 9:00–9:45 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir returns to lead worship: Sunday, September 13.

Can't make every Wednesday? We'd still love to have you sing! Sunday morning rehearsal helps many members stay connected when schedules get busy. Weekly rehearsal tracks are also emailed through our GUMC Choir email list, making practicing at home another source of preparation.

Revelation: Worship, Hope & Promise

This September, the Sanctuary Choir begins our own musical and spiritual journey through the Book of Revelation. **While our Sunday worship continues to be grounded in the United Methodist lectionary readings**, the choir will take a parallel journey into Revelation through music, brief Scripture reflections, and prayer during our Wednesday rehearsals.

Together we will explore Revelation not simply as a book about what is to come, but as a beautiful vision of **worship, hope, faithfulness, and God's promise to make all things new.**

September 13 — HOLY

Sunday Lectionary: Exodus 14:19–31; Romans 14:1–12; Matthew 18:21–35

God's deliverance, grace, forgiveness, and our life together as God's people.

Hymn: How Firm a Foundation – A powerful hymn of assurance in the midst of life's difficult "waters."

Our Revelation Journey: Revelation 4:8

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come."

Anthem: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Music News continues...

THE MUSIC CORNER — CONTINUED

September 20 — WORTHY

Sunday Lectionary: Exodus 16:2–15; Philippians 1:21–30; Matthew 20:1–16

God provides, sustains, and gives grace beyond what we can earn.

Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy – Echoes the parable of the laborers and God's expansive, generous grace.

Our Revelation Journey: Revelation 5:11–13

A vision of countless voices surrounding the throne, proclaiming the Lamb worthy of blessing, honor, glory, and power.

Anthem: Revelation Song – Jennie Lee Riddle

September 27 — FAITHFUL

Sunday Lectionary: Exodus 17:1–7; Philippians 2:1–13; Matthew 21:23–32

God remains present with God's people in the wilderness, calling us to trust, humility, and faithful response.

Hymn: Have Thine Own Way, Lord – A prayer of surrender and faithful response, reflecting Christ's humility and God's work within us.

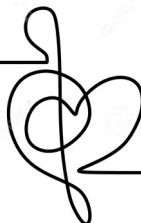
Our Revelation Journey: God's faithfulness and the enduring hope of God's people as we continue our journey through Revelation.

Anthem: Great Is Thy Faithfulness – arr. Mark Hayes

Throughout September and October, the choir's Revelation journey will continue alongside our Sunday lectionary—listening for the ways these Scriptures speak to one another and invite us more deeply into **worship, hope, and God's promise.**

Cynthia Applebee

Music Director



BIBLE STUDY ANNOUNCED!

Join us as we begin our
Fall Bible Study
Wednesday, September 9
10:00 a.m.—Choir Room.



A SMALL BOOK WITH A BIG MESSAGE

We will begin with the **Book of Philemon**—a short book with only one chapter, but with much for us to discover together!

Before September 9, Pastor invites you to read Philemon three times:

First time — Read with your eyes. Simply read through the whole book.

Second time — Read with your voice. Read it aloud and listen to the words.

Third time — Read with your heart. Read it again and mark a word, phrase, or sentence that touches you or catches your attention.

Bring your Bible and what you discovered, and let's explore God's Word together!

Bible Study Schedule

September 9 — 10:00 a.m. — Philemon, Choir Room

September 16 — No Bible Study

September 23 — 9:30 a.m. **(this time is only for September 23)**

Beginning September 23, we will start our journey through 1 Kings in the Old Testament.

After September 23, Bible Study will return to our regular time of 10:00 a.m.

A detailed study curriculum for our journey through 1 Kings will be shared on September 9.

Come as you are. Bring your questions, your thoughts, and your curiosity. Let's grow together in God's Word!

WOMEN'S RETREAT!

Women's Wellness Weekend is approaching soon, and we are eager to invite all women 18 and above to join us in this fun, relaxing and friendship-filled weekend. Our presentation topic and discussion is "Generous Hospitality". There will be free time on Saturday afternoon to relax and enjoy friendships. The dates of the weekend are Sept. 25 – 27 and we are hoping that old friends and new will join us for this lovely weekend. Please look for sign-ups after church in the upcoming weeks. It will be exciting seeing you there at Edwards YMCA Camp and Retreat Center in East Troy, WI!

MIDWEST

disaster relief • education



MISSION

health • micro business

Rice Meal Pack Event

Our goal is to feed 18,000 people!

So we will be packing 3,000 meal bags.



Date: Sunday, Oct. 4, 2025



Time: 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



Location: Glenview United Methodist Church
727 N. Harlem Ave., Glenview, IL 60025



How to sign up:

- Online: www.glenviewumc.org
Click on calendar/events, Meal Pack Event
- Or at church on Sunday after the service.
- Or call Ethel D. at 847-975-0361 or
Annette V. at 847-322-3355



*Come for a time of
great fellowship and great impact!*

Age 5 and up and all abilities are welcome.



1 Blessing Bag costs \$2 and feeds 6 people.

Although, the Lib Nightingale Mission Fund is covering the costs for the meal bags and expenses, your monetary donation is appreciated to continue the work of Midwest Mission.

- 💰 Make check to GUMC, Memo: Midwest Mission Meal Pack
- ♥ Or you may donate at the Meal Pack Event.



Your prayers for those in need are valued. Thank you!!



A light lunch will be served after the meal pack is finished.

Mission & Service Ministry



Sunshine of the Spirit saves Olivet School Supplies Celebration

Last year we were met with scorching heat, but this year it was a day of rain and clouds. Thank heavens for the love of Jesus and the ingenuity of the people of Olivet (including many young people who come to the Sanctuary Studio) and their sister churches: GUMC, Hinsdale UMC and Neighborhood UMC (Maywood). Working together we quickly organized all the undies and school supplies, laying them out on tables inside in the narthex, sanctuary, and activity room. Just outside the church entry several tents were set up for the DJ, the grill and food (hot dogs, apples, chips, cookies, drinks), and various household supplies and clothes. The rain eased off to a gentle mist and then...Hallelujah! it was still cloudy, but the rain stopped, and gentle breezes ensued. And, of course, Chester Lacey got on the mic to begin calling out to all the neighbors to come-on over and enjoy the celebration! All the kids and parents who came were so happy with all that was brought for them. So many came that nearly everything found a home by the end of the event. And in the hour after the event, when the food was all eaten and the post event clean-up was in full steam, twenty more kids stopped by and were invited in to receive their supplies and undies! What a wonderful day of fellowship and celebration.

Big thanks to those who came down to help at Olivet on the day: Ethel Doyle, Becky, Mark & Henry Netherland, Holly Porrett, and Marilyn Robb. Double Big thanks to Henry, because he also spent some time that morning teaching young people in the Sanctuary Studio. "Save of the Week" thanks to the Thursday Morning Undies Packers Team: Helen Jo Ellis, Mark Netherland, and Holly Porret. This saved a pound and a half of stress on Saturday morning, and I think it should become an annual event and open to all!

But Dear Church Family, it was your boundless energy and magnanimous generosity that enabled this event to be so successful. Your efforts and gifts have joined together and shown all those young people and their families that they are greatly loved, supported, and valued. Hip-Hip-Hooray to all of you who contributed in donations and in encouragement!

BIRTHDAYS

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

Please call the church office for this information.



PASTORAL VISIT

A Guardian Angel Is Ready to Visit!

Our **Knitting & Crochet Ministry** gathers together in fellowship and love, using crochet hooks and knitting needles to create prayer blankets and other special handmade gifts. One of these gifts is our **Guardian Angel**, lovingly made for those who may need some extra care, encouragement, prayer, or connection with our church family. Whenever Pastor makes a pastoral visit, she will bring one of these Guardian Angels with her—**handmade with love and carrying the prayers of our church family**.

If you know someone who could use a **pastoral visit and a visit from a Guardian Angel**, please let the church office know. **Your pastor—and a little Guardian Angel—will be on the way!**

Thank you to our wonderful **Knitting & Crochet Ministry** for sharing God's love through your hands, prayers, and hearts.



PATRIOT DAY POETRY

September Anniversary



*September eleventh lives in our minds as wounded towers bleeding black smoke
An event so colossal it reached across America and shook us from our trance
With ash so thick seeking to blot out the spirit that rose up to fight it
Heroes and heroines, black, yellow and white all gone gray in clouds of destruction
Young men and women jumping from windows rather than face the death clawing at their backs
Uniformed rescuers, like beacons of hope, ascending darkened stairs to save lives still in the balance
Steel towers so tortured with heat, they collapsed leaving our throats seared while our eyes wept
One year has gone by, days like arrows shot into the clouds
I think about the wave of life robbed of its chance to break upon the shore
I think of invisible kisses between lovers, and parents to their children
I feel a new realization measured not in minutes, but heartbeats embracing life
My prayers sing to God; enlighten me that I may be a child no more
Let me be as those who cleared away the ash, reformed and on the threshold of new understanding
We are a nation of people threaded together like rope, a perpetuity of spirit no vile act will ever diminish*

August 20 th , 2002

Michel Agriopoulos

We now have two meeting times each month,
and you are welcome to attend either or both:

- Evening Group: First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. **September 1**
- Morning Group: First Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. **September 3**

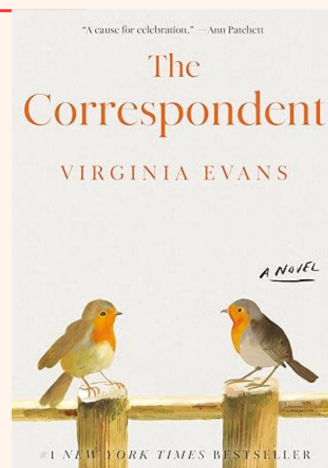
Both groups will read the same books for the
September and October meetings.

We look forward to seeing you in September to
discuss Theo of Golden by Allen Levi. If you are
ready to start your October book, you can dive
into The Correspondent by Virginia Evans!

BOOK CLUB

DISCUSSION TIMES
Thursday, October 1
9:30 a.m.
Tuesday October 6
7:00 p.m.

Filled with knowledge that only comes from a life fully lived, *The Correspondent* is a gem of a novel about the power of finding solace in literature and connection with people we might never meet in person. It is about the hubris of youth and the wisdom of old age, and the mistakes and acts of kindness that occur during a lifetime.



Read it now!

Everyone is welcome to join in the discussion. Attend the discussion that fits your schedule. Didn't read it? Join us anyway!



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Fall KICK-OFF!

A New Season. A Stronger Faith.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH

10:00 AM
FALL KICK-OFF

Join us as we celebrate the start of a new season of faith, fellowship and ministry!

11:00 AM
Barbecue!

FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • FUN

Everyone is welcome!

All are Welcome!

WELCOMING BACK
Our Sanctuary
CHOIR!

Thank you for sharing your gifts and leading us in praise!

DEDICATING OUR
Sunday School
TEACHERS

Thank you for planting seeds of faith and shaping hearts!

YOUTH BIBLE PRESENTATION

Let's step into this new season together in faith and joy!