

GLENVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE VISITOR



Dear Glenview UMC Family,

October gives us several opportunities to remember who we are as God's people and how God is calling us to live together in faith, gratitude, and hope.

On the first Sunday of October, we will celebrate **World Communion Sunday**. On this special Sunday, Christians around the world come to Christ's table, reminding us that although we worship in different places, speak different languages, come from different cultures, and live in very different circumstances, we are one body in Christ.

At the Communion table, there is room for all of us. We do not come because we have everything figured out or because we are perfect. We come because of God's grace. We receive the bread and the cup and remember again that Christ has given himself for us and calls us to share that grace with the world.

I believe this is also a beautiful way to think about stewardship.

During October, we will enter our stewardship season with the theme **Rooted in Grace, Practicing Hope**. Stewardship is sometimes understood simply as making a financial commitment to the church. Our financial giving is certainly an important part of stewardship. Through our generosity, we support the worship, ministries, mission, staff, building, outreach, and many other ways God works through Glenview UMC.

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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.

Sue Urban, Joy Forman,
Bill Forman

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

PastorRosa@glenviewumc.org or
Office@glenviewumc.org

IN MEMORIAM



Lynn Heniken passed away peacefully at the age of 103 on Friday, Sept. 18, 2026. Lynn was a very active member of this congregation. No services are planned. Please keep Lynn's family in your prayers. We grieve for their loss and hold them close to our hearts. -- May God's love and grace comfort them.

IMPORTANT DATE

All Church Conference.

Everyone is encouraged to attend GUMC's annual check-up and business meeting. It is the one time each year where our local church connects directly with the District Superintendent to review our mission and approve our budget. We will celebrate the past year, honor and remember those who have passed, and conduct the business of the church.



All-Church Conference

It will be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 17th at 7 pm** in our sanctuary, with 6:30

p.m. Staff Parish
Relations meeting in
the pastor's office.

Be There.

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But stewardship is much bigger than money.

Stewardship begins by recognizing God's grace already present in our lives. God has given each of us time, experiences, abilities, relationships, resources, and spiritual gifts. The question of stewardship is not only, "How much can I give?" It is also, "What has God given me, and how can I use it for God's ministry?"

Perhaps your gift is teaching. Perhaps it is music, hospitality, prayer, leadership, cooking, organizing, caring for others, working with children, welcoming newcomers, repairing things, listening, encouraging, or simply being faithfully present. Every person has something to offer, and every gift can become part of God's ministry when we offer it with love.

That is why, during our stewardship season, I invite you not only to consider your financial commitment for the coming year but also to look at the ministries of our church with an open heart. Ask yourself: Where might God be inviting me to participate? What gift can I share? Where can I serve alongside others?

For me, this is what it means to practice hope.

Hope is not simply wishing that things will get better. Christian hope trusts that God is already at work and then asks how we can participate in what God is doing. When we give, serve, pray, welcome, teach, sing, care, and work together, we practice the hope we proclaim.

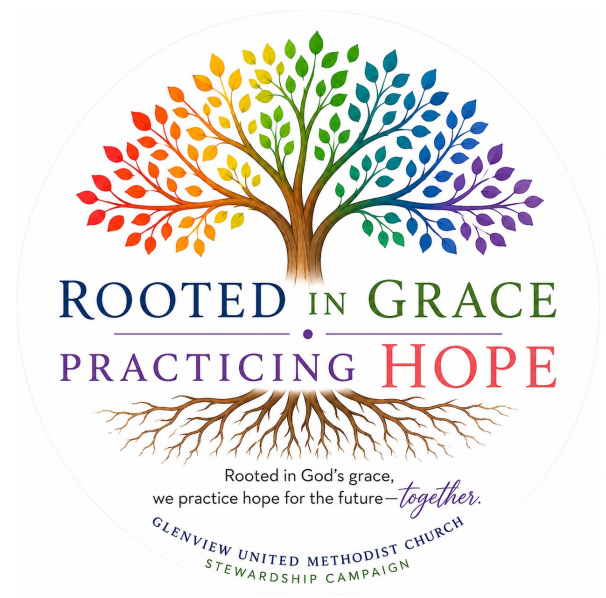
World Communion Sunday reminds us that none of us follows Christ alone. We belong to one body. We need one another. And each of us brings something important to Christ's table and to Christ's ministry.

This October, may we recognize the grace God has already given us, discover again the gifts God has placed within us, and have the courage to offer those gifts.

May we be rooted in grace and practice hope—together.

With gratitude and hope,

Pastor Rosa



Children, Youth & Families

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The mornings are cooler, the sun is setting earlier, all signs point to October! This October will not only include our Chicago Bears playing, but also playoff baseball for the Cubs and (hopefully) the White Sox! A lot to be excited about for sure, and we haven't even talked about what's going on this month at GUMC!

Sunday, October 4th at 11am we will be hosting our **Meal Packing Event!** Think *Feed My Starving Children* but right in our very own social hall! This is a fun way to gather together for a great cause, to end global hunger.

Sunday, October 11th at 11am we will have a **GUMYouth/Adult Bell Choir** rehearsal in the sanctuary. Getting closer to performing in church, so your attendance is very important.

And finally, on **Sunday, October 25th** following the worship service we'll host our annual **Trunk or Treat** event! Kids are encouraged to wear their costumes to church that morning and bring their treat containers as well! After the service we are asking members to buy a few bags of candy (nut free if possible, please) and open their trunks (decorated would be fantastic!) and pass out candy to our kiddos! We hope you'll consider being a trunk with treats for our kids! Your part is vital to a successful and fun event for them.

Sunday School will meet every Sunday in October. Please stay current with our weekly E-News and Beth and Maddie's Weekend Updates for the most current information and details.

See you in Church!
Greg and Beth



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 — OCTOBER

Choir News: Worship, Hope & Promise

There is more to choir rehearsal than learning notes and rhythms. Our Wednesday evenings are filled with prayer, singing, fellowship, laughter, and the love of God. As voices come together, the music becomes a shared expression of faith—preparing us to help lead worship on Sunday morning.

Each Sunday, Pastor Rosa leads us through the appointed lectionary Scriptures. The Sanctuary Choir will continue its musical journey through Revelation, choosing music that supports those weekly messages and helps us reflect more deeply on God's grace, hope, love, and enduring promise.

October 4 — UNITED

World Communion Sunday

We begin October by joining Christians around the world in celebrating World Communion Sunday.

Sunday Lectionary: *Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20; Philippians 3:4b–14; Matthew 21:33–46*

God calls us to live as God's covenant people, centered in Christ and joined with believers throughout the world.

Hymn: *One Bread, One Body* – Celebrates the worldwide church gathered: one table and made one in Christ.

Our Revelation Journey: Revelation 7:9–12

A great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language gathers before the throne in worship—a beautiful vision of the worldwide body of Christ.

Anthem: *Table of Joy* — Joseph M. Martin

October 11 — REJOICE

Sunday Lectionary: *Exodus 32:1–14; Philippians 4:1–9; Matthew 22:1–14*

God remains merciful and invites all people to the feast of the kingdom. We are called to rejoice, pray, and rest in the peace of God.

Hymn: *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* – Paul's joyful call to "rejoice in the Lord always"

Our Revelation Journey: *Revelation 19:6–9*

The great multitude rejoices and gives glory to God.

Anthem: *Hallelujah*

October 18 — GLORY

Sunday Lectionary: *Exodus 33:12–23; 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10; Matthew 22:15–22*

Moses longs to see God's glory and receives the promise of God's abiding presence: "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Hymn: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* – Praises the God whose full glory remains beyond our sight, yet whose light and presence surround us.

Our Revelation Journey: *Revelation 21:22–23* God's glory fills the holy city, and the Lamb becomes its light.

Anthem: *You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)*

Music News continues...

THE MUSIC CORNER — CONTINUED

October 25 — LOVE

Sunday Lectionary: *Deuteronomy 34:1–12; 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8; Matthew 22:34–46*

Jesus brings God's commandments to their heart: love God with all that we are and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Hymn: *The Gift of Love* – Reminds us that even our greatest words, gifts, and acts are empty without love.

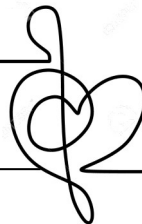
Our Revelation Journey: *Revelation 21:1–5*

God makes a home among the people, wipes away every tear, and promises to make all things new.

Anthem: Great Day- traditional spiritual

Throughout September and October, the choir's *Revelation* journey has continued alongside our Sunday lectionary—listening for the gentle connections between these Scriptures and allowing the music to invite us more deeply into worship, hope, and God's promise.

Cynthia Applebee — Music Director



SECOND CHANCE

Back by Popular Demand! **Opera in Focus** —a unique rod puppet (not strings) show featuring beloved scenes from opera and Broadway — captivated GUMC audiences this past July. By popular request, it's returning with a special Holiday performance!

Opera in Focus: Holiday Edition includes favorite selections from Puccini's *La Boheme*, and extra special, *White Christmas Interlude*, featuring a collection of timeless Christmas Carols. An Opera in Focus Holiday favorite.

Saturday, December 5, 2026

4:00 p.m. (Special time for GUMC family and friends.)

3000 Central Road. Rolling Meadows, IL

Seats are expected to go quickly. Reserve yours now by contacting Ethel Doyle at 847-975-0361.

We hope to see you there!

Member Engagement

MEN ARE INVITED

The Men's Group is now studying *Beyond Belief* by Elaine Pagels. All men of GUMC are invited to join the group in person or join the study via Zoom. Contact Bob Tharp or the church office for more details or the ZOOM link.



BIBLE STUDY !



Learning to Read the Bible Inductively

In our Wednesday Adult Bible Study, we are beginning our journey through 1 Kings while practicing Inductive Bible Study—a way of slowing down and listening carefully to Scripture before deciding what it means for us.

Rather than beginning with, “What does this passage mean to me?” we first ask, “What does the Scripture actually say?” We follow three important steps:

1. Observation — What does the text say?

We pay attention to who is speaking, what is happening, repeated words or ideas, conflicts or changes in the story, and the historical setting.

2. Interpretation — What does the text mean?

After observing carefully, we consider the original context. Why is this happening? What would it have meant to the people at that time? Most importantly, we ask what the passage reveals about God and people.

3. Application — How does God’s Word speak to our lives today?

Only after observation and interpretation do we ask how the passage speaks to us. What might God be inviting us to recognize, reconsider, or change? How can this Scripture shape the way we trust God, treat others, and live our faith?

This approach is especially helpful as we study 1 Kings, because not everything the Bible describes is something God prescribes for us to follow. We encounter faithful choices as well as human ambition, conflict, failure, and unfaithfulness. Inductive Bible Study helps us understand these stories in their context before applying them to our lives.

Join us Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Choir Room or via ZOOM as we journey through **1 Kings** together. Bring your Bible, your questions, and your curiosity. You do not need to be a Bible expert—we are learning together!

WHOSE BIRTHDAY IS IT, ANYWAY?

It is with much joy that I announce the forty first 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 make note of the sign-up schedule for this year:

- ◆ Sunday, November 1, sign-up in person, after church
- ◆ Tuesday, November 3, 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 8, sign-up in person, after church
- ◆ Sunday, December 6, all wrapped gifts are due in the Parlor by 10:00.
- ◆ Gifts may be dropped off in the church office during the first week of December, prior to December 6. Please check with the church office for their office hours.

The coordinators of these agencies are extremely delighted and grateful for our continued support.

Holly Porrett, Missions & Service Committee

Mission & Service Ministry

Update on GUMC's Sabbath Garden. Its output of vegetables so far has been over 145 lbs. of fresh produce that has been picked and then donated to the Northfield Food Pantry, and it is still producing. We have also replanted a few crops to try to get a Fall harvest.. Also if anyone from the Church is interested in helping with the garden, please contact anyone on the Missions Committee, or contact me, Mark Netherland @ 847-337-2417, text or call.

JOIN AN IMPORTANT MISSION, GUMC'S 3rd Annual "Meal Pack Sunday"

October 4, 11:15 a.m., to approximately 1:30 p.m. in the GUMC social hall. We will be packing nutritious rice/soy meal packs that will feed 18,000 people. We need 125 volunteers, age 5 and up, all abilities, with willing hearts and hands to assemble the meal pack kits. A light lunch will be served after the meal pack is finished. Donations may be made to GUMC, Memo: Midwest Mission Meal Pack. Questions: contact Ethel Doyle, or the church office. Sponsor: Missions & Service Ministry.

Loose Coins and Single for this Quarter: Maine and Northfield Food Pantries

Our church has supported **Maine and Northfield Township** food pantries for around 50 years. They provide monthly assistance to families and individuals who are facing food insecurity. Because of changes to government nutrition programs like SNAP there has been increased pressure to local food pantries. They have seen an increased need in our communities. Local pantries offer fast accessible food assistance when needed. Your donation goes toward the purchase of essential food in bulk and grocery cards for those in distress. (While fresh fruit and bread is nice, please only donate non-perishable goods at church).

Firetruck Update! The following is a note from Mallory at Midwest Missions: Alejandra from Order of Malta wanted to share with us the significant positive impact that this fire truck has been to the community in an emergency response.

"Saturday, September 19, at 1:30 p.m., several phone calls came into our emergency number of a fatal traffic accident at kilometer 63 of the old highway to the **port of San José**, where a fuel tank was overturned, which spilled super fuel, as well as two trucks and two motorcycles. At the scene, one person died and four people were transferred to a private care center, 2 motor pumps and a tanker working with foam to mitigate the risks of high vapors worked on the site for 12 hours."



BIRTHDAYS

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



PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR THIS INFORMATION



PICTURE DIRECTORY

WE NEED YOU for the 2026 GUMC Picture Directory. Sundays in October! Stop by the social hall during the Ministry Showcase and get your picture taken for the new picture directory. Due to rising costs and fewer professional options, the GUMC office staff will be producing this color directory in house. The directories will be available sometime in November. There may be a small fee per book to offset the price of printing and binding. More details will be announced soon!



MINISTRY SHOWCASE

During the second and third Sundays of October, we will have a special Ministry Showcase at Glenview UMC!

Our church is blessed with many ministries, committees, groups, and opportunities to serve. Sometimes, however, we may know the name of a ministry without really knowing what it does—or we may not realize that there is a place where our gifts, interests, and experiences could make a difference.

The Ministry Showcase is an opportunity to discover what



is happening in our church and how we can participate in ministry together.

As you visit the different ministry displays, we encourage you to come with an open heart and

an open mind. Ask questions. Meet the people who are already serving. Learn something new. You may discover a ministry you have never considered before!

Stewardship is about more than our financial giving. It is also about how we offer our time, gifts, experiences, passions, and presence for God's work.

You do not have to sign up for everything—or even anything that day! Simply come, explore, and prayerfully ask:

“God, where might you be inviting me to serve?”

We hope these two Sundays will help us appreciate the many ministries already happening at Glenview UMC and imagine new ways that we can worship, serve, grow, and work together as the Body of Christ.

Join us on the second and third Sundays of October and discover where you might find your place in ministry!

October Book Club - 10/1 at 9:30 am in the parlor and 10/6 at 7 pm discussing "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans.

We look forward to seeing you in October to discuss The Correspondent by Virginia Evans. If you are ready to start your November book, you can dive into The Nightingale by Kristen Hannah! Discussion will be Tuesday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 5 at 9:30 a.m.

NOVEMBER BOOK CLUB



With courage, grace, and powerful insight, bestselling author Kristin Hannah captures the epic panorama of World War II and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war.

Discussions will be Tuesday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 5 at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to either discussion... or both!



United Women in Faith

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

"We're a sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation. Driven by God's love and united in sisterhood, we work to improve the lives of women, children and youth. Every day, we show up. We take action. We get it done. And we invite you to join us."

OUR MISSION

We seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities. We are a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children and youth, we act for justice and transform communities. We face the realities we see in the world, even when they are not the ones we would like to see. However, our goal is not to bear witness simply to the harms committed, but also to God's love by acting boldly to change those harms.

Ruth Circle – Growing and Sharing Together

In September:

Ruth Circle gathered for a wonderful time of fellowship and conversation. Pastor Rosa was invited to share her story of God's calling and her journey into pastoral ministry. It was a meaningful opportunity to learn, listen, and share together.

Ruth Circle invites you to attend a book talk by award winning children's author, Candice Klopfenstein, on **Tuesday, October 13** at 10 am in the parlor. *The Place Where I Belong* is a simple but beautifully profound book that will touch younger and older readers alike. This heartwarming story and appealing illustrations speak to refugee children that they are seen, heard, and valued. The book inspires hope for refugee youth, as well as for all displaced people." Susan Odom, Executive Director of Exodus World Service.

Winner of the 2024 Females of Fiction Winner! Best Overall Bilingual Book Award given by Hindi's Libraries. Candice will bring copies of her books (English, bilingual English/Ukrainian & English/Spanish) to sell at the presentation. She will also show her beautiful glass mosaics made at her workshop in Chicago.

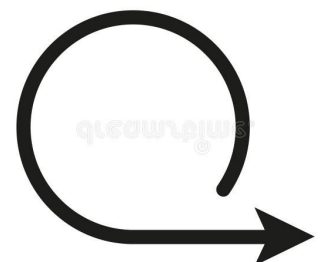
Please join Ruth circle for this exciting presentation!

When: Second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Church Parlor

Contact: Margaret Pyterek for more information.

Everyone is welcome! Come and enjoy fellowship, learning, and connection.



More Circle news on the next page...

Eve Circle

In September:

Eve Circle gathered after the summer for a relaxed evening of fellowship and conversation. Members caught up with one another, talked about upcoming church events and ministries, and began making plans for the year ahead.

Coming in October:

Eve Circle will continue gathering for fellowship, conversation, and opportunities to support the ministries of our church. Eve Circle is an informal and welcoming group where women can connect, share life together, and enjoy one another's company.

When: Second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Usually in the Church Parlor

Contact: Jane Fulch for more information.

Come as you are—everyone is welcome!

Pastoral care for our church family!
Too often we find out about illnesses, crises and hospitalizations after they occur. This is a missed

Pastoral CARE

opportunity for the calls and visits we would like to share. Please let us know if there is a concern in your family or in another congregants family (with their permission). We need your help in order to offer ours. Pastor Rosa, PastorRosa@glenviewumc.org; Office@glenviewumc.org; 847-729-1015

Mary Circle

In September:

Mary Circle welcomed a representative from CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Lake County and learned about its work advocating for children who have experienced abuse or neglect and are involved in the court and child welfare systems. Mary Circle also collected winter coats for children and youth in need, putting their care for the community into action.

Coming in October:

Mary's Circle will gather for a fun arts and crafts evening. You do not need to be an artist or especially creative—come and enjoy creating, conversation, and fellowship together!

When: Tuesday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Church Parlor

Contact: Please contact the church office for more information.

Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of creativity and fellowship!

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& Fellowship

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prepared by Chef Curtis Corbige and his
wonderful group of culinary experts.*

Gluten-free options available.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
5:00 PM

\$25 ADULTS | **\$10** CHILDREN
Proceeds benefit GUMC

Benvenuti!
Come hungry. Leave happy.

SCAN HERE
to purchase tickets
or call the Church office.