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GLENVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE VISITOR



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Count Your Blessings: The Beauty of Every Season

"Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your blessings, see what God hath done."
— Count Your Blessings, Johnson Oatman Jr.

As November arrives, I find myself amazed once again by the beauty of autumn. Everywhere we look, the leaves are changing colors—some turning brilliant red, others golden yellow or warm orange. And some trees remain green, just as they were before.

What fascinates me even more is that the trees that do not change their colors are often decorated by the colorful leaves that fall from other trees. Even they become part of autumn's beautiful celebration! Isn't that amazing? And have you noticed that even on the same tree, the leaves do not all change at once? Some change earlier, some later, depending on how much sunlight they receive. Yet we never look at a tree and say, "You are changing too quickly!" or "Why are you so slow to change?" We simply admire its beauty, knowing that every leaf has its own time and season.

I believe our lives are much the same. Each of us is living through a different season. Some are experiencing exciting new beginnings, while others are navigating unexpected changes. Some are celebrating joyful moments, while others are carrying grief, uncertainty, or challenges. Some may feel that life is moving too quickly, while others are wondering why things are taking so long. But just as we appreciate the beauty of every tree in autumn, I believe God looks upon each of us with love and says, **"It is okay to be where you are. You are loved just as you are."**

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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, Dawn Bode
Bob Frye, Juanita Smith
Tom Johnson

Please let us know if there is a concern in your family.
PastorRosa@glenviewumc.org or
Office@glenviewumc.org

THANK YOU!

We would all like to enthusiastically thank Curt Corbige for sharing his amazing culinary skills and making *The Evening in Venice* dinner such a success! He had his sidekicks Marianne and Jan to make sure the night was perfect. The delicious courses, including appetizers and homemade blackberry soda in champaign flutes along with eggplant parmesan, baked chicken and pastas and desserts, were enjoyed by all. Thank you, Curt, Marianne and Jan, from the bottom of our hearts and stomachs!
Love, GUMC

IMPORTANT DATE

All Church Conference.

The United Methodist Church

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.

It will be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 17th at 7** pm in our sanctuary. Staff Parish Relations will meet in the pastor's office at 6:30



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We do not have to be in the same season, move at the same pace, or experience life in the same way. God's grace meets us wherever we are, and God's love continues to surround us through every change.

As we enter this Thanksgiving season, I am reminded of the beloved hymn, *Count Your Blessings*. Sometimes, when life feels overwhelming, we forget how many blessings surround us. Yet when we begin to notice God's presence in the ordinary moments of our lives, we discover countless reasons to give thanks. And perhaps one of the greatest blessings is knowing that we are loved by God, not because of what we have accomplished or how quickly we have changed, but simply because we are God's beloved children. **When we recognize how deeply we are loved, gratitude naturally leads us toward generosity.**

This November, I invite you to share that gratitude through our **Thanksgiving Offering**. Our offering is more than a financial gift. It is an expression of thanksgiving, an opportunity to turn the blessings we have received into blessings for others. Just as the colorful leaves bring beauty even to the trees that remain green, our gifts of love, kindness, and generosity can bring beauty and hope into someone else's life.

I am deeply thankful for each of you and for the many ways you continue to share God's love through Glenview United Methodist Church. Your faithfulness, compassion, and generosity make our congregation a beautiful community of grace. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, may we take time to count our blessings, appreciate the season we are in, and remember that every life is beautiful in God's eyes. And as we give thanks for God's love, **may we become a blessing to others through the way we live, love, serve, and give.**

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Rosa



The Thanksgiving tradition of the Glenview Clergy Association's

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 7:30 pm at

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. 2328 Central Rd, Glenview.

Children, Youth & Families

Directors
Beth and Greg Peterson
Petersons@glenviewumc.org
Teachers
Susanne Rudolph & Maddie Peterson
Sundayschool@glenviewumc.org

Although the leaves are starting to change into their beautiful fall colors the temperatures have been pushing 60s and 70s the entire month! Personally I'm missing those sweatshirt and jeans days. Let's see what this month brings us!

One thing we know it will bring us is the start of rehearsals for our **December 6th Advent/Christmas** program which will include our **PreK through GUMYouth kids** and will take place during the service. Every Sunday during November (and possibly a Saturday or two tbd) during Sunday School class we will be rehearsing for the program Attendance is very important so please try to be here with your kids each week. Thanks so much!

The **GUMYouth/Adult Bell Choir** will hold two rehearsals on November 8, and 15, after the worship service, and also before the performance during worship on Sunday November 22. Please add those three dates to your calendars and plan on attending both rehearsals prior to performing.

We're so excited for everything planned this month. Please be sure to have your kids there each Sunday.

See you in Church!
Peace
Greg and Beth



THE MUSIC CORNER — NOVEMBER

November in Music: Remembrance, Gratitude, and Hope

November invites us to remember the saints who have shaped our faith, give thanks for God's blessings, and prepare our hearts for Advent. Join us as scripture and music guide us through this meaningful season.

November 1 — ALL SAINTS: A LEGACY OF FAITH

A great multitude gathers before God in worship—a vision of comfort and hope as we remember those who have gone before us.

Hymn: *For All the Saints*
Anthem: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You — Peter C. Lutkin*

Our *All Saints* service will honor the lives and faith of those we remember with love. Harpsichord music will bring a distinctive voice to our worship, and "*The Wind Beneath My Wings", will be shared by Becky Netherland.*

November 8 — CHOOSING TO SERVE

Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25 *Joshua calls the people to choose whom they will serve, inviting us to renew our commitment to God in our daily lives.*

Hymns: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty; God Is Here; and O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*
Anthem: *A Round of Thanks — Donald Moore*

We welcome guest pianist **Jan Hutchins**, who will provide piano music for the service. Together, we lift our voices in praise and ask God to guide our steps in service and gratitude.

November 15 — FAITHFUL WITH OUR GIFTS

Matthew 25:14–30 *Jesus' parable of the talents calls us to put the gifts entrusted to us into faithful use.*

Hymn: *For the Beauty of the Earth*
Anthem: *Thy Will Be Done — Eilers*

As we sing of creation's beauty and seek God's will, we consider how our time, abilities, and care for one another can become expressions of faith and thanksgiving.

Music News continues…

THE MUSIC CORNER — CONTINUED

November 22 — GATHERED IN THANKSGIVING

Psalm 100
The psalmist invites us to worship with gladness and enter God's presence with thanksgiving and praise.
Hymn: *Count Your Blessings; We Gather Together*
Anthem: *The Journey arr. Martin*

The Bell Choir will enrich our Thanksgiving Sunday worship as we celebrate God's generosity and the harvest of blessings shared within our church community.

November 29 — ADVENT BEGINS: WATCHING WITH HOPE

Mark 13:24–37 *Jesus calls us to stay awake and watch with expectation for God's coming.*

Hymn: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
Advent Song: *Star-Child*

We begin Advent with hearts open to hope. Our singing of *Star-Child will grow week by week, adding verses as we journey toward Christmas. Through scripture and song, we make room for Christ's light and renew our expectation of God's presence among us.*

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

3:30 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

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, Any-way?" 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. Questions? Please email Holly Porrett at ed.porrett@sbcglobal.net

A SUPER BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN THE MEAL PACK EVENT!!!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all who participated as volunteers and contributors to the Midwest Mission Meal Pack Event, Sunday, Oct. 4. Over 100 energetic and happy people helped fill 3000 Meal Pack bags that will feed 18,000 very hungry people. Some of you donated money to, GUMC, memo Midwest Mission, which is always helpful. Your prayers are a blessing to all the workers and recipients of the Blessed Meal Packs are felt, appreciated, and add so much more hope.

Thank you, everyone!

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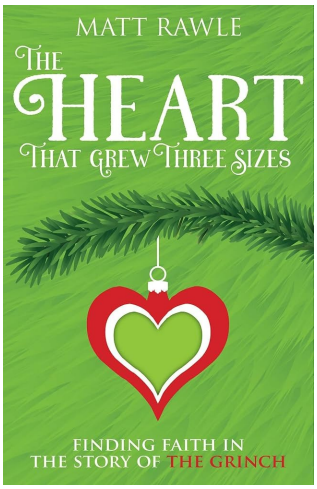
Mitten & More Tree Early Notice: Be on the lookout Thanksgiving week for the return of the M&M Tree. New items are preferred. Used items will be accepted, but please make sure they are clean and only very gently used. Wish List: **mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, sweaters, winter coats and vests, winter weight socks, boots, slippers, lap blankets/fleeces**. This year items on/by the tree will go as usual to **Olivet UMC's Warming ministry**. Overflow will be shared with Wings or another local charity. The Tree is open to your suggestions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Care for Real, a help center for many in need in Chicago's Edgewater and Rogers Park areas. has numerous volunteer opportunities. "Volunteers help by packing groceries, distributing food to our clients, working in our warehouse, sorting our clothing donations, and so much more."
Go to the **Care for Real** website to learn more and how to register.

BIBLE STUDY !

Advent Bible Study Begins After Thanksgiving!



I know it feels too early to talk about Advent and Christmas. Advent Bible Study begins right after Thanksgiving. It will be for 4 weeks .

This Advent, we will explore ***The Heart That Grew Three Sizes*** by Matt Rawle, beginning Wednesday, December 2, at 10:00 a.m.

Would an evening Bible study work better for you?

We know that weekday mornings don't work for everyone! Pastor Rosa would be delighted to offer an additional Advent Bible study on either Tuesday or Wednesday evening so that more people can join us in preparing our hearts for Christmas. If you are interested, please let Pastor Rosa (pastorrosalee@glenviewumc.org) know which evening works best for you! We would love to make this opportunity available to everyone who wishes to participate.

All are welcome! Let's grow our hearts together in faith, hope, love, and joy this Advent!

Join us Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Choir Room or via ZOOM .

BIRTHDAYS

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

11/1 Kathy Johnson
11/11 Mikko Espino
11/14 Damian Neuberger
11/15 Ryan Granzow
11/15 Calvin Sailer
11/17 Judy Keenan
11/22 Tim Chorvat
11/25 Della Deme
11/25 Doris Stengl
11/28 Caroline Berg

11/5 Derek Johnson
11/11 Jeremiah Rejuso
11/14 Robin Woitesek
11/15 Geary Larrick
11/17 Cindy Berg
11/20 Taylor Woitesek
11/23 Tyson Espino
11/25 Beckham Kowski
11/27 William Doherty
11/30 Kristin Davis

11/11 Michel Agriopoulos
11/13 Vicky Ready
11/15 Anne Dierbeck



11/30 Sally Lankford

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

11/12 Sharon and Jim Gernady
11/18 Christine and Steve Miskovic
11/25 Janet and Brian Conlin
11/30 Julie and Bill Murphy

11/17 Cindy and Dean Carlson
11/20 Becky and Mark Netherland
11/29 Peggy and John Curkov



Posted: October 13 2026 (www.umcnic.org/news/bishops-appeal-update-advancing-educational-opportunities-around-the-world)
Author: Lisa Smith, NIC Communications Specialist

Education opens doors to opportunity, strengthens communities, and prepares future leaders to serve the church and the world.

Through the 2026 Bishop's Appeal:

Education for the Central Conferences, the Northern Illinois Conference helped expand educational opportunities for students and strengthen theological education across the global United Methodist connection. The appeal raised $32,247.40, supporting two initiatives that invest in education at different stages of life and ministry: the construction of a high school in Tanzania and theological education in Africa, Europe and the Philippines. *(Read the full story at the website listed above.)*

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The Glenview UMC contributed $1,309.93 to this important project. $1,000 from the Lib Nightingale Mission Fund and $309.93 from 2nd. Qtr. coins & singles. The project shows the value of the United Methodist Church Connectional giving.
Thank you!

WINE TASTING

GUMC Members, Guests, and Friends are cordially invited to the 2026 GUMC Wine Tasting Event!

Gather at Heinen's Grocery Store, located at 1020 Waukegan Road in Glenview, on Thursday, November 12, 2026, at 5:00pm. A variety of wines will be provided for members to taste and enjoy along with light snacks. Below are the details:

- Where: Heinen's Grocery Store, 1020 Waukegan Glenview
- When: Thursday, November 12, 2026
- Time: 5:00 – 7:00 PM
- Cost: $15 per person

Enjoy the evening with your fellow GUMC members and friends. Bring a guest! Register by email or in person at the Church Office by Monday, November 9, 2026. See you there!

Member Engagement



Join us as we dive into the Big Blue World with Disney's Finding Nemo Jr.!

Follow Nemo, Marlin, Dory, and their underwater friends on a heartwarming adventure filled with friendship, family, and unforgettable music. Just keep swimming, and get ready to make a splash with us this fall!

- Friday, November 20th at 7pm
- Saturday, November 21st at 2pm
- Sunday, November 22nd at 2pm

Ticket Information
Adults (13+): $15 | Children (4-12): $12 | Groups (10+): $10

November Book Club - 11/3 at 7:00 pm in the parlor and 11/5 at 9:30 am discussing "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah.

We look forward to seeing you in December to discuss A Psalm for the Wild Built, by Becky Chambers. Discussion will be Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m.



It's been centuries since the robots of Panga gained self-awareness and laid down their tools; centuries since they wandered, into the wilderness, never to be seen again; centuries since they faded into myth and urban legend.

One day, the life of a tea monk is upended by the arrival of a robot, there to honor the old promise of checking in. The robot cannot go back until the question of "what do people need?" is answered.

But the answer to that question depends on who you ask, and how.

They're going to need to ask it a lot.



A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 13 | 10:00 a.m.
Prelude music begins at 9:45 a.m.

This Advent, join the GUMC Sanctuary Choir and soloists for a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols—a worship service weaving scripture and music into the story of Christ's birth. From the promise of redemption in Genesis to the wonder of "the Word made flesh" in John, nine readings will invite us to listen, reflect, and rejoice together.

The choir will share music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Elaine Hagenberg, John Rutter, Dan Forrest, and Philip Stopford. Selections include *The Truth Sent from Above, Sussex Carol, Personent Hodie, There Is Faint Music, and We Three Kings. Our women's choir will also offer Mary, Did You Know?*

The congregation will lend its voice to well-known carols, including *Once in Royal David's City, Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, and Angels We Have Heard on High. The service will culminate in Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, with brass adding to the celebration.*

String, vocal, brass, and woodwind soloists will enrich this special morning of worship. Plan to arrive at **9:45 a.m.** for prelude music, featuring cello and piano in The Piano Guys' arrangement of *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, before the service begins at **10:00 a.m.***

Invite a friend, bring your family, and come share in the hope, peace, and joy of the Christmas story.

Christmas at the Schram Chapel
Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.
1799 Patriot Blvd.

Congregational Carols

- O Come, All Ye Faithful
- O Little Town of Bethlehem
- Silent Night

Glenview United Methodist Church Sanctuary Choir, along with Instrumental Performers will perform:

- Still, Still, Still by Norman Luboff
- Nativity Carol by John Rutter
- Peace on Earth / Little Drummer Boy by David Bowie and Bing Crosby

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Whose Birthday is it, Anyway? The holiday season will be upon us shortly, and we are again happy to usher in the forth-first year of our church's participation 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,**
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Learn all the details inside this edition of *The Visitor.* Online gift sign up starts next week!