



**GLENVIEW
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A NEW CHRISTIANITY

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Calendar of Events

December 3-9, 2017

3	SUN	11:00	Women's Sermon Discussion Group
4	MON	5:30	Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)
		7:00	Christmas Choir Rehearsal
		7:00	Park Dwellings Meeting
5	TUE	4:15	Pathfinders
6	WED	10:00	Arcana Class
		7:00	Theta Alpha Guild Christmas Class
8	FRI	5:00	High School Youth Group

For detailed information about any of the above events, please visit the calendar on our web site at www.glenviewnewchurch.org, see the "Ongoing Programs" brochure on the information tables or contact any of the people listed to the left.

General Announcements

"TAG" Christmas Class

Each year the Theta Alpha Guild (a women's organization that supports a number of uses in our congregation) hosts a Christmas class for women. The class is typically led by one of our pastors. It carries a theme either of his choosing or recommended by women who will attend. This year's class will happen on Wednesday, December 6 at 7pm in the Lake Lounge.

Communion/Holy Supper Service

Our Christmas Communion/Holy Supper service will happen on Sunday, December 10 at 9:30am in the Sanctuary. It is one of two "full length" Communion services that we hold each year, the other being on Good Friday. The service has an appropriately shortened message for adults.

Christmas Pageant/Tableaux

Also on December 10 (at 4:30pm) will be our annual Christmas pageant, featuring still life scenes from the Christmas story portrayed by actors and actresses, and including background music and readings from that story. There will also be gifts for children, newborn through grade eight.

"Arcana" Christmas Class and Lunch

Each year the pastor and his wife host a Christmas class and potluck lunch in their home for members of the "Arcana Class." "Arcana Class" is a class for adults that meets once a week to survey the books of the theology of the New Church. This year's Christmas class and lunch will happen on Thursday, December 14, starting at 10:30am.

Spiritual Studies Club

The "Spiritual Studies Club," will meet on Friday, December 15 in the Glenview New Church Youth Center. Come for yummy hors d'oeuvres at 6pm, a delicious free

meal at 7pm, followed by stimulating discussion on spiritual topics at 7:45pm.

Christmas Open House

On behalf of Ellen and myself, you are warmly invited to a Christmas Open House in our home. It will be a potluck dinner affair for college age and up, Saturday December 16, starting at 6pm. We will provide a base of lasagna or chili (we haven't decided which) and non-alcoholic drinks. If everyone else would bring an appetizer, side dish, salad, or dessert, plus your favorite BYO beverage, that would be nice. We are sure to have Christmas music in the background, and maybe some singing of favorite Christmas songs later in the evening. RSVP's would help. We look forward to seeing you. (Heart emoji.) (Mark)

Christmas Eve Festival Service

Sunday, December 24 will be our Christmas Eve festival service for families. This is one of our loveliest services of the year, complete with songs by our Christmas Choir.

Christmas Eve Offertory 5pm Service

As in years past, the Christmas Eve Offertory at the 5pm service will be a gift to the Glenview New Church pastoral staff. You may make your contribution through the offertory basket at the service or by sending a check to the Treasurer at 74 Park Drive, Glenview, IL 60025.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Also on December 24 is our evening service at 10pm. It is a quiet, devotional time with music, singing, and a simple message just before the arrival of Christmas morning. It includes a candle-lighting ceremony at the end of the service.



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Point of Faith

Useful Service

God creates each one of us to be an instrument of His love. When we live useful and productive lives for the sake of others, the love of God passes through us to them, and their lives are impacted for good. At the same time, we experience the happiness and delight that are associated with being of use. Useful service is the source of heavenly happiness, both in this life and the next.

Christmas Day Adult Service

Our Christmas day service happens at 11:30am on Christmas morning. It features Christmas songs and an adult message in the traditional style.

Combined Service on December 31

Just a reminder that there will be one combined church service on Sunday, December 31 at 9:30am in the Sanctuary. All are welcome!

Calendar Year 2017 Church & School Contributions

Charitable contributions that are mailed are deductible in the year in which the contribution is postmarked, regardless of when it is received by the organization. A check that is mailed and postmarked at the end of December 2017 is tax deductible in 2017, and will be included in the contribution report mailed to contributors for 2017 contributions. Thank you! (Erika Horigan and Karen Day Stoeller for the Church and School Contributions Committees)

Offertory Envelope System

For the past 11 years, we have provided an offertory envelope system for those people who like/need to have a written record of their cash contributions, as required by the IRS. Each contributor receives a 12-month supply of envelopes beginning in January and ending in December; each envelope is dated and coded with a unique contributor number that is tied to the contributor's main contribution record. Annually the treasurers mail a complete accounting and written record of all contributions made during the year including those made through this envelope system.

For those currently using the envelope system, the 2018 supply of envelopes may be found on the welcome counter in the Assembly Hall. For those who would like to begin using the envelope system for the first time, please notify Judy Teel in the church office. We can also provide offertory envelopes for children that have a unique contributor number. Contributions made through these envelopes will be reported on the parent's annual contribution report. (Erika Horigan and Karen Day Stoeller for the Contributions Committees)

STAY CONNECTED

Share your contact information and interests by filling out a "We would like to get to know you" card on the information tables.

Ways to Volunteer

Sunday Service Volunteer Opportunities

We need a few new song leaders for our 9:30 service music teams. Bonny can help you learn the duties for this job, please let us know if you are interested!

We also have opportunities in other areas including hospitality for early coffee and refreshments. Young people are invited to sign-up for any activity. Please take a look at our Sign-up Genius link or contact Martha Heilman, Volunteer Coordinator, marthah@glenviewnewchurch.org (847-302-7619) <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0545a5ae2fa7fc1-930>

Contact: Martha Heilman

Women's Programming

Sunday Morning Sermon Discussion Circle

Join us for our informal weekly drop-in gathering in the Auditorium after the 9:30 service to spiritually connect and further discuss the sermon topic. We will not meet on December 10, 24 or 31.

Women Unwind

This group meets weekly for conversation and fellowship on Mondays at 5:30pm at Karen Stoeller's home (100 Park Drive). We will not meet on December 25 or January 1.

Contact: Martha Heilman

From the School (GNCS)

GNCS Christmas Show

Please come to the school Christmas Show on Friday, December 22 at 10am in the Auditorium. This year, it will be a lovely mix of music, poems, and other Christmas-related entertainment put on by the students and teachers at GNCS. The show will be under an hour and followed by refreshments.

Contact: Phil Parker