



**GLENVIEW
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Pastoral Message

Oh, How Delightful!

The statement, "Oh, how delightful!" is one that many of us have heard. It's said in various contexts, and it expresses how we feel about something we've experienced. But aside from that particular usage, the word "delight" isn't often used in common parlance. And yet it's one that our theology uses quite a lot. In fact, it's a word that is central to genuine spiritual growth and regeneration. Here's what I mean:

In our culture and world today, when a psychologist, psychiatrist, or counselor is helping someone move away from an addiction, or from some other destructive behavior or attitudinal "something" in their life, it's not uncommon for them to ask the client, "What's the *pay-off* for you in that behavior or attitude?"—the implication being that there is some form of "payoff" that we experience for anything we habitually think, intend, say, or do...or else we wouldn't do it.

The word "payoff" doesn't appear in the Bible or in the theology of the New Church. One word that is used instead is "delight." Anything that we habitually think, intend, say, or do has some form of delight, pleasure, or satisfaction associated with it. As an example, think of any single, kind thing that you habitually say or do. What is the delight, pleasure, or satisfaction that you get from saying or doing it? If there were no delight, pleasure, or satisfaction, you probably wouldn't do it. It would be emotionally tasteless. As another example, think of a single, unkind or unthinking thing that you habitually think, intend, say, or do. Why do you spend time thinking, intending, saying, or doing it? What is the delight, pleasure, or sense of satisfaction that you get from it? If there weren't *some* form of delight, pleasure, or satisfaction, why would you do it?

Here's the point: One way to think about heaven and hell is in terms of delight. Each choice that you or I make is basically a choice for what kind of delight we're going to enjoy and hold on to—a delight that is associated (more or less) with what is hurtful and destructive, or a delight that is associated (more or less) with what is heavenly, loving, and wise. The quality of delight that one and the other offer are quite different, even opposite, from one another—like the difference between light and pitch darkness, warmth and freezing cold, wise and stupid, loving and hateful, self-focused and other-oriented. Each of these things is delightful—each one has a feeling of delight, pleasure, or satisfaction associated with it—but the *quality* of the delight, and therefore the quality of life that we experience at its hands, is much different in one case than in the other.

The clarity that the Lord gives us on the topic of delight, and on the *quality* of different delights that we experience, can help us in our decision-making and life choices. What kind of delight do you want to experience in your life today? What kind of delight will you choose to experience in your interactions this week? (Mark)

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Church Calendar

June

1	FRI	6:30	High School Youth Group
3	SUN	9:30	Contemporary Worship Service
		11:00	Women's Sermon Discussion Circle
		11:00	Traditional Worship Service
4	MON	5:30	Women Unwind
5	TUE	7:00	Park Dwellings
6	WED	7:00	Pastor's Council
7	THURS	10:00	GNCS End of Year Event
8	FRI	6:00	Spiritual Studies Club
9	SAT	8:00	Work Party
10	SUN	9:30	Contemporary Worship Service
		11:00	Women's Sermon Discussion Circle
		11:00	Traditional Worship Service
11	MON	5:30	Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)
14	THURS	7:00	MANC Board Meeting
15	FRI		Park News Deadline
16	SAT	5:30	New Church Day Barbeque
17	SUN	9:30	Traditional Adult Service
		4:30	New Church Day Pageant
18	MON	5:30	Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)
24	SUN	9:30	Contemporary Worship Service
		11:00	Women's Sermon Discussion Circle
		11:00	Traditional Adult Service

General Announcements

GNCS End of Year Celebration

Please join us at GNCS's End-of-School Year Celebration on Thursday, June 7th starting promptly at 10am! Please join us for chapel, then a performance of The Giant's Garden (featuring all GNCS students), followed by a brief talk from the Principal, and a slideshow. The official end of the GNCS school year will be at approximately 11:30am AND you are welcome to stay for lunch afterwards. Please RSVP to Judy Teel if you would like to join us for lunch 847-724-0057x26 or judyt@glenviewnewchurch.org.

Spiritual Studies Club

The "Spiritual Studies Club," will meet on Friday, June 8 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.

General Announcements

Work Party—June 9th

There will be a tree-removal work party on Saturday, June 9th. Meet in the church parking lot at 8am. Any questions, please contact Brannon Smith at 847-526-3700.

New Church Day Barbecue—June 16th

New Church Day, June 19th, is the anniversary of the establishment of the New Church movement. June 19th is also a day known as “Juneteenth”, which celebrates the Emancipation Proclamation reaching southern Texas, and in Texas it’s often celebrated with a barbecue. This year, Gillian and I are throwing a New Church Day barbecue the Saturday before Juneteenth, on June 16th, starting at 5:30pm, at our home at 2730 Park Lane, Glenview. We will be providing authentic Texas barbecue. The rest of the meal will be potluck. If you would like to bring something, you can coordinate with Gillian by calling her at 512-694-4403. This is a family-friendly event. Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly. Hope to see you there! (Mac Frazier)

New Church Day Celebration

On Sunday, June 17th we will celebrate the birthday of our church, which is June 19th. There will be a worship service for adults in the sanctuary at 9:30am. Then, at 4:30 in the afternoon there will be a pageant in the courtyard, weather permitting. Come celebrate the birth of the New Church with us.

From the Contributions Committee

June 30, 2018 is the close of our current fiscal year. Please remember to complete your contribution for this year. We are asking those who are able to consider a 5% increase to their current contribution for next fiscal year starting July 1.

In an effort to increase the number of new contributions, we have launched a first-time donor matching opportunity. A group of local businesses has pooled funds for this effort. More businesses are welcome to join the group (talk to Erika Horigan if interested). We will have printed details about this campaign on the information table at church and available by request via e-mail from Keith Parker at glenviewntreasurer@gmail.com

Are you a first-time donor to the Glenview New Church? Or a donor who hasn’t contributed in over a year? If so, this is a wonderful time to begin donating, as your contribution will be matched dollar per dollar up to the amount that is in the fund. Here are the parameters of the program:

- The match will be a dollar-per-dollar match up to the fund’s total.
- Once we hit that mark the match is closed for the year.
- The match is for new contributors only—defined as someone who hasn’t contributed in over a year.

- The contribution and the match are for the General Fund only.

If you would like to donate, and believe you are eligible for a match, please fill out the contribution form. Beside your name please write **I believe I’m eligible for a match.**

Thank you, The Glenview New Church Contributions Committee: Jill Brickman, Aixa Chen, Colin Cole, Ellen Pendleton, Erika Horigan (Chair), and Keith Parker (GNC Treasurer)

Combined Park News for July and August

We will have one combined Park News issue for the months of July and August. The deadline to submit items for that issue is Friday, June 15 at 5pm. Submissions may be sent to parknews@glenviewnewchurch.org.

Women’s Programming

Women Unwind – meets weekly for conversation and fellowship on Mondays at 5:30pm at Karen Stoeller’s home, 100 Park Drive.

Sunday Morning Sermon Discussion Circle – informal weekly drop-in gathering in the Lake Lounge after the 9:30 service to spiritually connect and further discuss the sermon topic.

Summer Sunday Volunteers Needed

We are completing the summer schedule and need volunteers for early coffee, refreshments, coordinator and usher. Please take a look at your schedules and sign up where you can! Young people are also invited to sign-up for any activity. See the Sign-up Genius link or contact me directly. Thank you! Martha Heilman
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Fourth of July Festivities

Join us for our traditional July 4th festivities in the Park. Independence Day begins with a parade stepping off at 9:30am SHARP from the Church parking lot. Prizes will be awarded to float and bicycle entrants. The parade will be followed by a flagpole ceremony, which will include a patriotic speech. The Village of Glenview parade starts from Jackman Park at 11:15am, heading south on Lehigh, then west on Central, ending at Johns Park. There will be a picnic in the Pine Grove (near the playground opposite the Church) beginning at 12:30pm. The event will include races, softball, and of course, lots of visiting with community members and out of town guests.

Most have enjoyed ending the day by watching fireworks. The Glenview Twilight Show concert and fireworks display will be at Gallery Park in The Glen (Patriot and Navy Boulevards). Our congregation tends to be a wonderful gather-



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ing place for a lot of people on this important national holiday. Here's to another fantastic celebration!

Fourth of July Volunteers Needed

Believe it or not, July 4th is just a few weeks away! Brent Smith has agreed to organize the picnic this year and he needs help with food/drink prep and ticket sales. We also need helpers for the flagpole ceremony: parade judges, prizes, flag raisers and sound system.

It's a super fun day but we need a lot of help to make it happen. See our sign-up genius link or call Martha Heilman 847-302-7619 <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0545a5ae2fa7fc1-july>

Annual Park Lane Block Party

On Saturday, June 23rd at 6pm, we will be supplying the hamburgers and hotdogs. Please bring a side dish of any kind to share. There will be music, a firetruck, a movie showing after dark, and more! Hope you can come join the fun! (Brannon and Kara Smith)

Cabin Rental

The Jungé cabin at Linden Hills, MI, has several weeks still open to rent this summer and early fall. Some weeks are renting for \$450, some for \$800. To inquire, please contact Roxanne Jungé at RMJunge@aol.com or 847-962-4073.

Obituaries

Elizabeth Hill Horigan- Betty Horigan went peacefully into the other world on May 13 in Boynton Beach, FL. Betty and Phil Horigan lived in Glenview for many years. They were very active in the church and raised their family of four—Kent, Eden, Elsa and Geoffrey—here. Betty had been in poor health for some time. Her husband, Phil preceded her in death. A memorial service was held at the Boynton Beach New Church on May 19th, conducted by Rev. Alan Cowley.

A memorial service was held in Bryn Athyn for **Barbara Blackman Synnestvedt Packer** on April 23, conducted by Rev. Jeremy Simons. Barbara was born and raised in Glenview, the daughter of Geoffery and Emily Blackman. (She grew up in the house that is now Bruce and Erika Horigan's home.) Barbara spent her married life in Bryn Athyn where she was a teacher in the school. She was 94.

A memorial service for **Ruth Elizabeth Barry Zuber**, age 90, was held in Bryn Athyn on April 14. Ruth was born and raised in Glenview, the daughter of Frank and Kitty (Fuller) Barry. (Her family home no longer exists—it was on Dewes Street, next door to Katy Fuller's house.) Several people will know and remember many of Barbara and Ruth's families. The Glenview Society sends its sympathy to all.

Park Patter

Here's a first for JeriLynn Jarvis—she's a new grandma! It's a boy and his name is Neil Emerson Cornish and he lives in Fort Collins, Colorado with his parents; his mom is JeriLynn's daughter. Congratulations to Grandma and all the rest of the family.

Since we're in the baby department, the Owlets (Amos and Andy, or Freddie and Flossie or maybe Olivia and Viola—gender is still a mystery) have left home and are somewhere in the vicinity. WHO WHO WHO knows where they are and when they might appear.

And since we are in the neighborhood (of the Owlet's tree house), Roxanne Junge is ready to ramble in the Concord (as big as the defunct SST Concord). In fact, she has had a warm up by trundling out to Starved Rock. Now for a really long roll, it's the Grand Canyon—or bust, with Grace and Spencer riding shotgun.

Further down the neighborhood, Ryan Haberman was out exercising with his shovel when he unearthed a fat yellow electrical cable growing alongside the Charlie Brown Christmas tree stick that is masquerading as a catalpa seedling in his and Vera's front yard. (A prize for diagramming that sentence!) Maybe a jolt of electricity would speed up the development of Catalpa Bignoniodes—or is it a speciosa?

Now for some goings—Sharon and Malcolm Acton and all of their family and their family's families (plus other relatives and many friends) hurried themselves down to Meghan's wedding. No, not the Meghan and Harry wedding, the Meghan and Mike nuptials in North Carolina. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Another going was Dan and Joan Woodard who Rv'd to southern Indiana for a week. Brown County State Park and nearby spots offered mild air, spring flowers, birds and flowering trees. Spring there was a week or so (or more) ahead of Glenview's chilly April days. Biking and locating covered bridges entertained them well.

Then the Woodards and the Fullers wended their way up Rte. .51 (Oh, yes—the Woodards started from Peoria because they attended a grandchild event there first) to Hazelhurst for the annual Spring Opener. The big W flag was hung out at the end of the holiday. It stood for We Were Working Willingly While We Were ...umm, Worthy?

Ongoing—Gary and Jenny Edmonds and Eric and Pam Olson tootled out to Maryland to catch up with Mark and Joyce Hugo and all their family. Wet it was, but lots of fun. AND when the Edmonds got back, Gary was given the Board of Trustees Recognition Award at the Annual meeting for his many years of devoted service as the Park Commissioner. Way to GROW, Boomer.

Marilyn Whitney decided to have a return visit to her hometown. She tucked in a visit with her daughter, Heather Klein, who lives in the area and then hit all the high spots of a Park visit—Women Unwind, church and topped it all off



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with a shopping spree at the Treasure House—seems a set of dishes caught her attention.

Some sisterly help was needed by Marylin Wille, so her two sisters blew in from the east. Gwen Asplundh and Judy Hyatt arrived to assist Marylin in celebrating her LXXXVIIIth birthday.

'Tis the season to become an alum of some level of education and so here we go:

Victoria Berto—Master's degree in Speech Pathology from Illinois State University

Caleb Cole—GBS to University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Madeline Cole—8th grade to GBS

Blake Kossman—8th grade to Palatine High School

Elizabeth Parker—8th grade to GBS

Julia Smith—8th grade to GBS

Kayden Smith—High School to U.S. Navy in July

Emily Teel—GBS to Bradley University in Peoria, IL

Hagan Synnestvedt—graduated Penn State University

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

There is one more to mention: Hi, Ho, it's off to BA we go—there was a graduation on the weekend of May 26. Jeff Smith graduated from Theological School and was ordained into the first degree of the priesthood on May 27. Those in attendance from here were Brannon, Brent and Kevin Smith (brothers), Sue Lee and Kendra Paraskevopoulos and Daniella (sister and niece). Well done!

Here's a bit of pilfered press, as usual, from the Glenview Lantern. Laura Barger wrote a very lovely Mother's Day essay about her Mama and the Lantern also included a great picture of Annette.

Another interesting article was about Rob Sulski of Foot Stone (Google it) helping first graders at Willowbrook School plant a butterfly garden.

For our final borrowed news, the Glenview Park District dedicated a new, contemporary sculpture in the Synnestvedt Arboretum in Flick Park. The sculpture is about a bird and a tree and the story of the two. All of the articles are posted on the entrance hall bulletin board and are worth a read.