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NEWSLETTER OF THE GLENVIEW NEW CHURCH

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Pastoral Message

The Longed-for Land

As the January issue of Park News is being put together (Dec. 14-15), Ellen and I have been watching the nightly news, with the first handful of people in Chicago being vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus. Among other things, there's hopeful talk of "herd immunity" kicking in as early as April. These things bring a sense of proverbial "light" at the end of long, dark, proverbial "tunnel"—something I'm sure many of us have been looking, hoping, and longing for, for a very long time.

There's a beautiful teaching in our theology which captures the idea of light at the end of a tunnel. It talks about spiritual challenges we face, and it compares them to natural challenges we also face, move through, and overcome. For example, it talks about severe winters and the springtimes that follow after. It also talks about storms and perils at sea, and what it feels like to put safely into port and set foot on "the longed-for land." Here is that teaching:

Heavenly peace, which prevents evils and falsities rising up from the hells and assaulting us, can be compared with natural peace in many respects. For instance, the peace which follows wars, when everyone lives protected from enemies, safe in their town and in their house, their estates and gardens; as the prophet said speaking in natural fashion about heavenly peace: "They will sit each person under their vine and under their fig-tree, unafraid." (Micah 4:4; Isa. 65:21-23) It can also be compared with mental relaxation and rest after hard work; or with the solace mothers experience after childbirth, when their maternal love affords its delights. Another comparison might be with fine weather after storms, black clouds and thunder; and with spring at the end of a severe winter, and the flourishing of new crops in the fields, and the gardens, meadows and woods bursting into flower. It can equally be compared with the state of mind of those who after storms and dangers on the sea reach harbor, and set foot on the longed-for land (i.e., the land they hoped for).

Just think of all that we've been through, in our country and world, over the last ten months. And now, with a possible end to a global pandemic in sight, the idea of setting foot on "the longed-for land" shines with such warmth, brightness, and hope. May that hope be realized.

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Church Calendar

January*

3	SUN	9:30	Worship Service
5	TUE	7:00	Park Dwellings
6	WED	7:00	Pastor's Council
10	SUN	9:30	Worship Service
		6:30	Youth Group
14	THURS	7:00	Board of Trustees Meeting
17	SUN	9:30	Worship Service
		6:30	Youth Group
21	THURS	7:00	MANC Board Meeting
24	SUN	9:30	Worship Service
		6:30	Youth Group
31	SUN	9:30	Worship Service
		6:30	Youth Group

*all services and meetings will be held virtually

But at the same time we start celebrating possible freedom from the pandemic, how can we forget all of the people, spouses, family members, and friends who have endured terrible hardship and loss over the last ten months—with loved ones isolated, alone, and dying in hospital settings...and then dying. For many the sense of grief, loss, and heartbreak must be tremendous.

As we turn the corner into a new year, and as hope dawns for a new day, may the our Lord be especially close to those who have experienced loss and suffering during the last ten months, providing them everything the most deeply need through this extended hardship. At the same time, may He strengthen each one of us with faith and courage to go forward, until our feet finally touch down on the longed-for land.

Love to all. (Mark)

General Announcements

Gloria A. Harer

Gloria passed away on December 21 from Alzheimer's disease, peacefully in her sleep with loving caregivers, Connie and Sammy Vences beside her and her daughter Pam was also there on FaceTime.

Gloria was born in Huntingdon Valley, PA, the fourth child of Oswald and Bess (Heilman) Asplundh. All of her siblings have gone before her —Maxine (in infancy), Jeanette (Patzmann), Oswald, Jr., and Louise (Tennis).

The family moved to Glenview when she was in eighth grade. She attended New Trier High School and finished high school in the Girls School in Bryn Athyn. She graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in music and started teaching in the Northbrook elementary school system.

She met and married Warren Harer and they lived with Gloria's parents at 2131 Glenview Road until they moved into a new house in 1955 at 2710 Glenview Road. They had four children—Glenn, Wayne, Pam and Mark.

Gloria became a teacher of music at ICS and an accompanist for many of the school's musical plays. She also played the organ for services and she had a very busy time giving piano lessons to as many as 100 students a week.

Gloria will always be remembered for her cheerful disposition and her kind personality. The family plans to have a service later.

The Glenview Society sends its sympathy to the Harer family.

Thank you!

Thank you on behalf of the 37 children in the Rice Child and Family Center in Evanston who will wake up with slippers, pajamas, and a blanket from people at the Glenview New Church and GNCS. Your on-going support of this project makes it possible each year, whether you contribute cash or buy pajamas. I've already told the director to sign us up again next year and I hope I can count on you for your support. (Phil Parker, GNCS Principal)

Seeking Students with Inquiring Minds

The Washington New Church School is pleased to announce our young and growing new high school – The White Horse Academy. Our vision is to serve students near and far who would like to have an individualized, New Church, high school education. We are harnessing the power of the Internet to connect our students with both live and recorded classes and, as important, with each other.

When accepted to the program, students and parents meet with their education coach to formulate their individualized plan of study which will include the necessary courses to earn a high school diploma, as well as a plan for experiential

learning and the development of a portfolio showcasing the student's skills, knowledge and service to community.

If you are or have a rising high schooler, please contact us. We would love to share more details about our program with you.

We are excited to build a network around our vision of individualized, New Church education for our students. If you are someone who loves creative education and raising children in the New Church, we would be thrilled to be in touch with you, even if your high school years are long behind you. If you have a talent that you love sharing with others and are familiar with tools such as Zoom or Office 365, or are willing to learn new skills, contact us. We want to make you part of our team. Call or email us. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Scholarships Available!!

Two education scholarships will be offered for the 2020-21 school year. This annual award is for the purpose of supporting women attending the Bryn Athyn College of the New Church who desire to become New Church teachers and declare education as a major or minor (or Interdisciplinary Degree.)

The annual scholarship award amount is \$2,100 (\$700 paid directly to the college at the beginning of each trimester), for up to 2 recipients. One award is for an incoming freshman, and one award is for a current Bryn Athyn College of the New Church education student. May be used toward tuition, fees, and/or books.

Three scholarships are available to women students of Bryn Athyn College of the New Church who have a 3.0 GPA and are studying Religion (major, minor, ID) or MARS program or are international students. There are (2) \$2,000 and (1) \$1,000 scholarship awarded to eligible recipients who exemplify the teachings of the New Church. These are annual merit based scholarships that can be used for tuition, college fees, books or supplies.

Two scholarships are available to women attending Bryn Athyn College of the New Church earning a Master's Degree and have a 3.0 GPA or higher. Each annual award is \$2,000 (paid directly to the college at the beginning of each trimester) These are annual merit based scholarships that can be used for tuition, college fees, books or supplies.

Applications are due February 1, 2021. To apply: email anccdaughters@gmail.com or call Sarah Wong at BAC 267-502-6085 or see BAC website.

ANC Scholarships

Two annual scholarships are now offered for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$2,500 for up to 2 young women who exemplify the teachings of the New Church. The



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Scholarship may be used toward tuition, books or fees. These are annual merit and need-based scholarships and may be applied for yearly. Applications are due March 1, 2021. To apply: email ancdaughters@gmail.com for applications

Park Patter

This is the voice of Christmas Past...starting with the best Christmas events...

Marissa and Joseph Hernandez announce the birth of their son, Apollo Arch Hernandez! Apollo was born on Tuesday, December 15 at Evanston Hospital. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 9ozs. and was 21 inches. Apollo was welcomed home by very excited older sister Odetta, age 3. An interesting thing happened while they were at Evanston Hospital — Joe said on Thursday they heard the song "Here Comes The Sun" being played over the hospital speakers. The nurses in the room with them said "That means the vaccines have arrived." A real sign of the times.

On the 13th day of Christmas, our church gave to us....a drive-through nativity! It took 37 actors and actresses, nine prop people, six attendants, three police officers, three farmers, three sheep, two costume organizers, two Village of Glenview employees, two marketers, one goat, one calf and one donkey (no partridge, however) to provide approximately 320 cars, 30 some on foot and ONE Amazon truck with a wonderful start to Christmas 2020.

On the 24th day of Christmas, our church gave to us a....very heart-warming service in the Auditorium. The sermon had ended and the choir was singing "Away in a Manger" when an artificial plant on the chancel burst into flames. Reverend Mark Pendleton was alerted to the conflagration and he ran up, grabbed the flambeed piece de resistance and flew out of sight. But the fire was still going on the altar, so Will Smith abandoned his singing and used his breath to blow out some of the remaining flames and finally used the altar cloth to beat out the rest. Mark returned, concluded the ritual and all was "Calm On The Listening Ear."

Later on the 24th day of December, Reverend Elmo Acton led a candle light service which featured Liz Parker singing a beautifully rendered version of "O Holy Night". Truly, "a night divine."

Christmas In The Park, Literally

Claire Kaage gathered her family and drove down from Milwaukee while Charlotte and Mike Huft drove up from Valparaiso to meet in the Pine(less) Grove for a fun repast together in honor of Christmas. See, there can still be good things that happened in 2020.

General News—Ins, Outs, Et Cetera...

Kurt Wille drove safely from Bryn Athyn to spend the holiday with his mom, Marylin Wille and other Willes and friends there of.

Nina Synnestvedt (of New York City but arriving from Florida) spent time with her dad, Matt and various other Synnestvedts. She also included visits with her Acosta relatives in Hinsdale before flying off again.

Marian Fiske did not have the merriest of Christmases. She spent it in the hospital with a problem with her leg and having tests for the problem.

You may have noticed that Robert Henderson reminded everyone that his mother, Thelma, was turning 90 on Christmas Day and he hoped everyone would send her a card so she would get 90 cards. It worked! She got well over 100 cards from Bryn Athyn, Glenview, Florida and other points on the globe. Robert and Dean delivered a birthday cake with "Happy Birthday Nana" on it. She had a great day and is doing very well at Sunrise Assisted Living in Park Ridge, IL.

One BIG Christmas gift that must be mentioned is the BIG present the Daniella Paraskevopoulos got from her Aunt Venita Smith. It was so BIG that Uncle Brent Smith, who assembled it in his condo, had to give up using his living room until he could deliver it to Kendra and Jason's condo. What, you ask could be that BIG? A BIG motorized pink jeep!

Topaz Tails—January 2021

I am eleven(11) months old today. That comes with big responsibilities as you might imagine, like "being a good girl" (they say that all the time). But I am trying to be a "good girl" like not jumping on the living room furniture and not jumping on people when they come to my door. It's not easy because I love to jump on everything and everybody. E, my walker, will tell you that I can jump the picnic tables at the Pine Grove in one leap, and I am very quiet so sometimes she doesn't know I have jumped until she turns around and sees me. I also love to sit on the low benches at the Community Garden and watch the car and foot traffic on Glenview Road. And, I have mastered standing on the radiators in my living room and watching people walk by on Park Drive. So much of December has been about Christmas. Our church has made white standing cut outs of all the people in the different parts of the Christmas story and stationed them all around the inside circle of the Park—wisemen, shepherds, Joseph and Mary and the baby Lord. These cut outs were done for a drive-by nativity that included live people and live animals and real wood burning campfires. I did not get to meet the live animals, but I did meet camel, sheep and donkey cut outs—cool! Lots of carloads of people came to see the nativity—it was very beautiful. For Christmas we were given a 12-month calendar for 2021 with pictures of me on each month. I think I am a Shutterfly Star! I also received a small stuffed Santa Claus from my dog pal Baron (Newfoundland) and three



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power chew bones from my dog pal Luna (Golden Retriever). It has been a great 11 months and I can hardly wait for my birthday. Wishing you a happy and healthy New Year. See you in 2021.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!