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A NEW CHRISTIANITY

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**PARK NEWS**

NEWSLETTER OF THE GLENVIEW NEW CHURCH

**November 2023**

**Pastoral Message**

**Two Old Men**

Let me tell you about two old men. One old man had four children with his late wife - she died of cancer many years ago. Three of his children are old people themselves now. One of his children had tragically died many years ago but not before he had two children of his own with a wife he always said he loved very much. His other three children all had kids of their own and are all still married. The other old man had been married for a short time when he was young, but she left him. He never had kids.

Both men live together in a small affordable home located near a large and well-kept park. Most days they take a walk and then sit together on a bench. They can see for miles in every direction from this bench. They can see the countryside with all its farms to the west, they can see the big and busy city to the east, and they can see almost all of the well-kept park.

Today, as they sit on the bench, it is autumn. The leaves on the trees in the park are many different colors - green, brown, orange, maroon, bright red, and bright yellow. Today it is warm with a cool breeze. The sun is shining so intensely that the green grass looks almost white, except in the shade where it looks almost black. The park is very busy today. The fields in the country look like a patchwork quilt of colors. The city glimmers gray, black, and white. The bridges in the distance are full of cars. There are more clouds over the city than there are above the two men. They are seated on opposite sides of the bench. The old man with many grandchildren has a cane. The old man with no grandchildren has a hat on. They are not talking (they often don't talk when they sit on the bench).

Today is a day that they will talk about for a long time to come - a young boy sits in between them and asks them a question (if you don't think this is something to talk about for a long time to come, well, then you are probably not an old person). The boy excitedly and earnestly asks them, "What are you doing?" (Young boys, and also girls, are fascinated with what people are doing, especially if it seems they are doing nothing.) The old man with the cane responds, "I am looking at the beautiful colors and wondering if my grandchildren get to see such beauty in all the different places they live." The boy grins and as he looks up and around at all the trees, it appears to the old man with the cane that he must be imagining all the colors in the entire world.

The old man with the hat interrupts their shared gazing, "Ahhh, it is the same every year! The leaves die, the bitter cold comes, and the city drowns in pollution.

**Church Calendar**

**November\***

- 1 WED 10:30 Arcana Class
  - 7:00 Pastor's Council
  - 7:00 Boys Club/Girls Club
  - 5 SUN 10:00 Worship Service—Sanctuary  
Holy Supper
  - 7 TUE 7:00 Park Dwellings
  - 8 WED 10:30 Arcana Class
  - 7:00 Boys Club/Girls Club
  - 9 THUR 7:00 Board of Trustees Meeting
  - 12 SUN 10:00 Worship Service—Auditorium  
6:30 Youth Group
  - 15 WED 10:30 Arcana Class
  - 4-10pm GNCS Dine-Out Fundraiser
  - 7:00 Boys Club/Girls Club
  - 16 THURS 7:00 MANC Board Meeting
  - 18 SAT 8:00 Work Party
  - 19 SUN 10:00 Worship Service—Sanctuary  
6:30 Youth Group
  - 23 THUR 10:00 Thanksgiving Festival Service
  - 26 SUN 10:00 Worship Service—Auditorium
  - 27 MON 7:00 Choir Rehearsal
- \* all meetings will be held virtually

Bah! This old fool (pointing at the other old man) never takes his rose-colored glasses off." The boy looks perplexingly at the man in the hat and asks again, "What are you doing?" He stares at the boy, frustrated, and spits out, "Wha- what do you mean, what am I doing?" The boy again asks the old man in the hat, "What are you doing?" The old man in the hat sputters, "I- I- I am being practical, that is what I am doing. I am sitting here and looking at things as they truly are!" "Oh," the boy says sadly and his little shoulders sulk. He looks like he wants to ask another question but instead stands up and starts to shuffle off. The old man with the cane hooks the boy with it and pulls him closer to him. He whispers, "Don't let him get to you. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." The old man unhooks the boy. The boy smiles and skips off into the beautiful park surrounded by all of nature's splendid colors.

Boy, youth, or Old man signify good or evil things depending on the context in the Word. What will you signify to others?

Youths symbolize falsity and evil that have not matured and therefore are new. Old people symbolize falsity and evil that have reached an advanced age

# General Announcements

and therefore have become confirmed [in the evils they keep with them]. *Secrets of Heaven* 2348

"A little child" signifies one who is innocent, and "an old man" signifies a wise person full of innocence [(goodness and peace from the Lord)].

*Heaven and Hell* 278

## GNCS Dine-Out Fundraiser—November 15

Enjoy delicious food while supporting GNCS. This month's dine-out fundraiser is from 4-10pm on Wednesday, November 15 at Lou Malnati's, 3120 Glenview Road in Glenview. Mention GNCS or use promo code GPRSFUND23 and we will receive 20% of your carry-out or delivery. Thanks for your support!

## Work Party—November 18

Many hands make light work so please join us if you are able. We plan to work by the community garden/apple orchard and will meet in the church parking lot between 8-9am. Any questions, please contact Brannon Smith 847-529-3700.

## 2024 Church Directory

There's still time to update your information for the 2024 church directory. If you have moved or changed your telephone number, please contact Judy Recht by Friday, November 3 with your new information 847-724-0057x100 or judyr@glenviewnewchurch.org.

## Thanksgiving Service—November 23

The GNC Thanksgiving service will be held at **10am** on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 23 in the Auditorium. The service will include a fruit offering that will be donated to the Northfield Township Food Pantry. Non-perishable food items will also be accepted.

## Thanksgiving Offertory Match

As has become custom, we are once again able to present a 1:1 offertory match for Thanksgiving courtesy of generous donors. While offertory donations are important year-round, this is a chance to have your contribution doubled with no extra work on your part. Please keep this in mind as you decide what to put into the offertory basket at the Thanksgiving Day church service. Alternatively, you may send your donation earmarked Thanksgiving offertory to the treasurer at Glenview New Church, 74 Park Drive, Glenview, IL 60025, or donate online at <https://glenviewnewchurch.org/about/giving/>, also earmarked for Thanksgiving offertory. As Thanksgiving approaches, we are grateful to all of you who continue to show such generosity by your support of the church.

## GNCS to be in Holiday Parade

Calling all families that would like to march with us in the Holiday Parade!! GNCS will be marching in Glenview's Holiday in the Park Parade! We would like to show GNCS as a

full, happy, thriving school. And we welcome as many families as we can get to march with us. The parade is set for the Saturday after Thanksgiving - November 25th. It starts at 4pm (3:30 ish meet up for marchers to prepare) along Glenview Road from OLPH parking lot to Jackman Park, where there will be a holiday event. GNCS will be a sponsor of the train ride in Jackman Park and a Santa's Helper sponsor. Come on out to see us! **If you would like to march or ride with us, please email Lisa Philbrick at [lisap@glenviewnewchurch.org](mailto:lisap@glenviewnewchurch.org).** It'll be a merry old time!

## Come and sing with us for Christmas Eve!

Come raise your voices in song for the 2023 Christmas Eve choir! No matter what your experience level, we would love to have you sing in the choir with us. We will be performing at the Christmas Eve service at 5pm on Sunday, December 24. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings from 7-8:30pm on November 27, and December 4, 11, and 18, and on Saturday, December 23 at 1pm. To join us please contact Bonny Lundin-Scheer at 847-452-0670 or [bonnys@glenviewnewchurch.org](mailto:bonnys@glenviewnewchurch.org). We hope you will be with us!

## Women Unwind

A once-a-month get-together on the first Monday of the month, our next gathering is November 6 from 5-6:30pm at Karen Stoeller's, 100 Park Drive, Glenview. Casual - with wine, soft drinks, cheese, crackers, and conversation. Contact: Sandy Ruch 847-724-0363

## Women's Fall Virtual Retreat Wrap Up

18 women from Glenview, Wisconsin, Arizona, California, and Pennsylvania gathered to enjoy our virtual retreat focusing on the topic of "Healing Our Souls" led by Tryn Rose Seley from Scottsdale, Arizona. Tryn helped us to create a quiet space within our hearts, minds and homes to restore our inner peace and resilience, sharing writings to inspire us, music to fill our spirits, and activities to generate love in action. It was a wonderful way to connect across the miles to create a special retreat experience. (Martha Heilman, GNC Women's Programming Coordinator)

## Sunshine Committee Update

Does someone you now need some support? Could you brighten someone's day? The Sunshine Committee provides it, and you get to give it away, to anyone in your circle of friends, neighbors and co-workers. No strings attached. Just do it!

In the freezer this week: vegetarian hearty minestrone soup and cookies are available.

To Access the Freezer:

- It's in the storage room off the Assembly Hall & Auditorium
- Pre-stamped Sunshine Committee cards and some gift bags are on top of the freezer.



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- Contact anyone on the Sunshine Committee, to get a (temporary) building code to the Assembly Hall double-glass doors. (Members: Wendy Thomas Bramuchi, Roxanne Junge, Sarah Berto, Carolyn Smith, Eden McQueen, Beth Kruger, Ellen Pendleton, Aixa Chen, Mark Pendleton, Myriam Goyes.)
- Record your name, and what you removed from the freezer, on the calendar hanging on the front of the freezer.

#### Get Involved!

The Sunshine Committee is open to anyone. No restrictions. If you want to be involved, you can be.

#### Donations

Most items are generously donated, but we do have some expenses. Make checks payable to the Glenview New Church, earmarked for the Sunshine Committee, sent to the Glenview New Church, 74 Park Drive, Glenview, IL, 60025. Or give online at <https://glenviewnewchurch.org/about/donate/>

Contact: Roxanne Junge and Wendy Thomas Bramuchi

### Sunday Morning Volunteers Needed

We are offering refreshments following the 10am service, as volunteers are available. The usher schedule is also open. Anyone is welcome to sign-up and students can earn school community service hours for these and other useful duties.

Click the link below to see all the available dates and to sign-up. Or contact me via email/text to sign up. Thank you in advance! (Martha Heilman, Volunteer Coordinator [marthah@glenviewnewchurch.org](mailto:marthah@glenviewnewchurch.org) / 847-302-7619)

Volunteer sign-up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0545a5ae2fa7fc1-gncsunday>

### Looking for Work

Hello I am Willow and I live on Park Drive (Eden McQueen is my mom). I am in sixth grade and I am saving up for an amazing school trip to Europe next summer to learn about history. I am earning money by doing jobs around town such as babysitting, leaf raking, house cleaning, snow shoveling, lawn mowing, and dog walking. If you need someone to do any of these things, I am here to help!

My rates are as follows:

- \$10-20 for shoveling, mowing, and raking (depending on the yard or driveway area)
- \$5-10 for dog walking (depending on the length of the walk)
- \$15 per hour for house cleaning
- \$10 per hour for babysitting

If you have any questions or want to hire me please call or text me at 412-863-0449. Thank you!

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## Park Patter

### Big news is the best beginning we can have!

Brannon Smith was nominated and chosen to receive one of eleven Glencairn Awards. The Glencairn Award is the New Church's highest award given to "outstanding teachers or members of the New Church Community." The "sole criterion" for the award is "past achievements religious, charitable, scientific, educational, artistic, literary or civic fields." As best as can be determined, the first awards were given in 1958. The Glencairn Award has been given at least 157 times since. It has not been given every year. Brannon's dad, Duncan Smith, received a Glencairn Award in 2002. It was last given in 2004, after which the award was discontinued. This is the first year the award has been reinstated. Other recipients this year are from South Africa, England, Colorado, California and other locations. CONGRATULATIONS, BRANNON, from all of the Glenview Society!!!

A few other items of interest...

Shar Junge was in Glenview briefly on her way to a Road Scholar trip to the Azores.

Bruce and Erika Horigan vacationed recently where they joined Justin and Teri Synnestvedt in J and T's condo in Florida for a bit of R and R.

The Elmo Acton family all went east to attend Elmo's daughter's wedding. McKenna Rae Acton and Wayne Burnham Asplundh had a small pre-wedding betrothal ceremony in the Bryn Athyn Cathedral, officiated by Rev. Elmo Acton. The wedding took place in Big Indian, New York and was officiated by Rev. Derek Elphick. (Glenview wedding bells just keep ringing even if they are elsewhere.)

And perhaps a grand finale to the Mayo Mansion affair. The Village inspector allowed more trees and shrubs to be removed, much to Dan Woodard's pleasure. He was just home from a successful hip replacement and was entertained by watching the action from his front window.

**Need a laugh? So do!! Due to a digital defect, this will be quick....**

A little boy holding a book, says to his mother, "No joystick? No mouse? No keyboard? How do you turn the pages?"

Another little boy was looking at a book. His dad says "Just open it and read it. You don't need a password."

Growing old is hard work...the mind says yes, but the body says "What the h\_\_\_ are you thinking?"



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