

# This Week for Children and Families at Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church

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A childhood memory came rushing back to me yesterday as I greeted a family after worship with their 4-year-old fast asleep in his mother's arms. Sunday night worship when I was growing up meant two things for me as the preacher's kid....First, I usually got to sneak in the kitchen during the Youth Group's "snack supper" and Ms. Willie would share the plate of food she'd set aside for me. It was our secret feast of hot dogs, chips, & orange soda ....though looking back, I know my parents were just through the serving window with the rowdy teenagers! Second, my Mom would then stick her head in the doorway and summon me to go upstairs to the worship service with her. After a few opening hymns – called out as requests from the congregation – my Dad proceeded to give a second sermon of the day (I had no idea at the time how impressive this was!). With the familiar voice of my father echoing around the sanctuary, I would snuggle in close and fall asleep in my mother's arms. I usually woke up to the sound of singing during the closing hymn, but often kept my eyes tightly shut in hopes that my parents would carry me to the car.

It's a beautiful thing for children to feel safe in the arms of a loving parent and in the Sanctuary – God's house, as some say. All of the ministries listed below – and the learning, laughing, and loving that we do together as a church family – are built upon this basic theology. Each Worship Service, Playgroup, Choir Practice, and the like share the common goal for each and every child of God – from newborn to the aged – know that the Church is, indeed, a Sanctuary of love, grace, and peace. As we begin this season of Lent – with hopes for the promises of Spring and Easter just 40+ days down the road, I hope and pray that you will bring the children in your care to the Sanctuary of God's love and grace found here (and many other places!). And as you fall asleep tonight, know that YOU are in the arms of a loving parent, as well. We'll be carried through to the places we need to go.

Grace and Peace,  
Susan

P.S. Literally bring your children to the sanctuary of the Little Chapel this Wednesday at 6:15pm for a short Ash Wednesday Service. Childcare & regular choirs follow, so you can be a part of the Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. AND....coming in April, Sunday Night Worship can be a part of your kiddos' childhood memories, too! See below for details on our new worship service, The Gathering! ☺

## This Week

### Tuesday

7:00pm

**Prayer Meeting** (Parlor) All are welcome for a time of contemplative, centering prayer.

### Wednesday

5:30pm

**Wednesday Night Supper** (Fellowship Hall) [Click here for menu](#) \$4 kids/students; \$7/adults; \$25/family

**We need volunteers to help with set-up, cashier, & servers – kids welcome –click here!**

6:15pm

**Children's Ash Wednesday Service** (Little Chapel) Short, sweet service, so please be on time!

6:30pm

**Ash Wednesday Service** (Sanctuary) Childcare in Room 310.

**Children's Choirs** **Pre-K-K** Cherub Choir (Rm 405); **1st-2nd Grade** Carol Choir (Rm 400); **3rd-5th Grade** Covenant Choir (Rm 419)

## Thursday

**7:00pm** **Snack in a Backpack – volunteers needed** (Fellowship Hall) Details below.

**7:30pm** **Adult Chancel Choir.** (Room 208) [Click here for more info.](#)

## Friday

**7:30pm** **Youth Play: The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe.** [Click here for more info. & reservations.](#)

## Saturday

**2:30pm** **Youth Play: The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe.** [Click here for more info. & reservations.](#)

**7:30pm** **Youth Play: The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe.** [Click here for more info. & reservations.](#)

## Sunday

**8:30am** **Worship in the Little Chapel**

Childcare available in Room 200 (Nursery/Toddlers) and Room 310 (Pre-K & K)

**9:15-9:45am** **Holy Grounds Café** (Fellowship Hall) Coffee, breakfast goodies, & fellowship for all ages.

*[We need volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, & bringing goodies. Click here!](#)*

**9:45-10:45am** **Sunday School for all ages** (Church School Building)

**Adult Sunday School classes - [Click here for more info.](#)**

*For parents, we recommend: **Live n' Learn** (Room 419), **Wired Word** (Parlor-307), **Parents of Teens & Tweens** (Library - 309), **35below** (Room 304). More info. below.*

**Children's Sunday School** - More info. & classroom locations [HERE.](#)

**Little Cabooses:**

**Nursery** (Room 200)

**Toddlers** (Room 206)

**Pre-K** (Room 321)

**Kindergarten** (Room 310)

**Power Xpress Stations:** (Meet in **Room 419** for All Aboard Assembly...sign out in stations below at 10:45am)

**1st Grade** Music Junction –Room 404.

**2nd Grade** Storyland Stop –Room 405

**3rd Grade** Games Crossing –Room 409

**4th/5th Grade** Science Station – Room 404

**11:00am**            **Worship in the Sanctuary**

Childcare available in Room 200 (Nursery), Room 206 (Toddlers), and Room 310 (Pre-K & K).

**12:00pm**            **Care Team Lunch and Q & A.** Details below.

**2:30pm**            **Youth Play: The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe.** [Click here for more info. & reservations.](#)

**More Opportunities:**

**Ash Wednesday is this week! 6:15-6:30pm Children's Service in the Little Chapel. 6:30-7:30pm Service In the Sanctuary.** Childcare provided in Room 310, plus regular Children's Choirs.

**Lenten Small Groups. [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP – MORE GROUPS ADDED WEEKLY!](#)** All ages are invited to be a part of a 6-week small group at Glenn during Lent - the season before Easter. Our church wide study this year will follow Rev. Adam Hamilton's book, 24 Hours that Changed the World, which can be [previewed here](#). Small groups of roughly 6-12 people will meet at various times and locations throughout the week for the 40 day period of Lent to read, discuss, and pray together. If you are interested in joining or facilitating a group, please either check the list below of groups currently forming or e-mail Josh Amerson, at [josha@glennumc.org](mailto:josha@glennumc.org), with your availability information.

**Youth Play: The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe. Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm; Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2pm & 7:30pm; Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2pm.** \$5 for children; \$10 for adults. [Click here for more info. & reservations.](#)

**Care Team Lunch and Q & A. Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 12noon.** Are you interested in learning more about how to reach out to our congregation through cards, calls, and visits? Current and interested Care Team members are invited to join us in Room 401 for lunch and "questions and answers" of ways of sharing God's love with our church and community's older adults or homebound. To RSVP for lunch, contact Rev. Susan Pinson [spinson@glennumc.org](mailto:spinson@glennumc.org) 404.634.3936. For more info. on the Care Team, contact Carole Adams [caroleadams@bellsouth.net](mailto:caroleadams@bellsouth.net) 404.377.1504.

**Created By God – Human Growth & Development for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders (& parents). March 1-3<sup>rd</sup>.** (Haygood UMC) Includes a Thursday evening parent meeting, Friday evening session for students, and Saturday morning with students, then parents join us for a closing afternoon session. Help your 'tween know that they are created by God and grow up with confidence and respect for our bodies & healthy relationships. Pre-registration required – for more info., contact Susan Pinson [spinson@glennumc.org](mailto:spinson@glennumc.org).

**Glenn School Registration is Open!** For ages 6 months through Kindergarten. [Click here for more info.](#)

**Glenn After School Program Registration is Open! For Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.** [Click here for more info.](#)

**Registration for Camp Glisson is now open! Several Glenn kids are looking for cabinmates!!** Let me know if you want to know more about this wonderful camp & retreat ministry of the North Georgia Conference or if you're in need of scholarship ideas. [www.glisson.org](http://www.glisson.org).

**Follow us on Facebook & Twitter!** Connect with over 400 Glenn "fans" on Facebook -- announcements, photos, or start a discussion. [Click here](#) or search for Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church. **On Twitter, follow @GlennUMC.**

**New Worship Service – The Gathering @ 5:05 – is coming April 15<sup>th</sup>!** [Click here for more info.](#) If you would like more information about Glenn's new worship service or would like to find out how to join a worship team, please contact Josh Amerson at [josha@glennumc.org](mailto:josha@glennumc.org) or by calling the church office at 404-634-3936.

**Hunger Walk for Action Ministries with SPARK kids. Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-4:00pm.** Join us for a 5K walk around downtown Atlanta – for a great cause.  
[Click here for online registration & donations!](#)

#### 2012 Save-the-Dates!

**February 22:** Ash Wednesday (6:15pm Children's Service in the Little Chapel. 6:30pm Service in the Sanctuary)

**February 24-26:** [Glenn Youth Play: The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe](#)

**March 1-3:** Created By God – human growth & development for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders (& parents)

**March 2-3:** [Glenn Clothing Sale](#)

**March 31:** Egg-cellent Saturday

**April 1:** Palm Sunday

**April 5:** Maundy Thursday

**April 6:** Good Friday

**April 8:** Easter Sunday

**April 15:** [The Gathering @ 5:05 – new worship service begins!](#)

**April 21:** Action Kids – Mission Day

**April 25:** Last Wednesday Night Supper & Program: Glenn's Got Talent!

**June 4-8:** [Vacation Bible School & Youth In-Town Mission Week](#)

**June 10:** VBS Celebration Sunday

**June 17:** Combined Summer Sunday School Begins: Religion in the South

**August 12:** Back to School Kick-off & Blessing of the Backpacks

**August 19:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles Presentation

**October 28:** Pumpkin Party

**Playgroup! Host or Organize at a location of your choice!** We give thanks for our growing children & family ministry at Glenn! Playgroups are a fun, casual way for kiddos and parents/grands/nannies to get to know each other. If you have a day/time/location suggestion or would like to host, please let Susan know! We hope to continue to offer a monthly playgroup during the week or weekend.

**Altar Guild. Click here for more information on how you can join the Altar Guild.** Be a part of behind-the-scenes support of worship service – from preparing Communion to flowers, setting up altar arrangements to sharpening pencils for the pews. Every volunteer matters!

**Feed Hungry Children in Atlanta – Snack in a Backpack Update! Thursdays, 7:00pm (this week, 6:00pm with SPARK kids & families)** Glenn is delivering 75 backpacks to hungry children at Cook Elementary and 2 to children at Mary Lin Elementary each week, and the children are thrilled! We have the greatest need for food with protein (Mac and Cheese, Beanie Weenies, and Vienna sausages) and for boxes of raisins. We do not need any more cheese/peanut butter crackers or Ramen noodles. Food collection boxes are under the front stairs in the CSB. Alternatively, you may feed a child each week for approximately \$6 per backpack. Checks should be payable to Glenn and be

designated for Snack in a Backpack. Many thanks to all who are helping us follow the commandments of Christ to care for children and feed the hungry! If you can help, contact Deborah Marlowe at [dmarlowe@balglobal.com](mailto:dmarlowe@balglobal.com) or 404-856-5508 or Jane Thorpe at [jane.thorpe@alston.com](mailto:jane.thorpe@alston.com) or 404-881-7822. [Or Click here to volunteer online.](#)

**Letter to the Congregation Regarding Common Table and the Bishops' Letter on Sexuality.** [Click here for a letter from our Church Council Chair.](#)

**Sanctuary Flowers Signup.** Sanctuary Flowers can be donated in honor or memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion. [Click here to sign up](#) to provide flowers for an upcoming week or call the church office 404.634.3936.

**Baptisms & Membership.** Interested in baptism for yourselves or children and "officially" joining our church family at Glenn? We welcome you! Membership and baptisms are as simple as prayerful consideration, conversations of intention, an easy form to fill out, coordinating calendars, and WELCOMING you and your family into the church. Feel free to contact me to talk more -- or you can meet with any of our clergy, including Senior Pastor David Jones!

**35below – Young Adults. Sundays, 9:45-10:45am.** Young adults of all ages/stages are invited to join us for a casual Sunday School gathering now in Room 304 (the Dolphin Room) Faith discussions, Bible Study, food & fellowship. For more info., contact Clayton Vertrees [james.vertrees@gmail.com](mailto:james.vertrees@gmail.com).

**Volunteer @ Glenn!** We invite volunteers of all ages to "get plugged in" through mission and ministry with hands-on projects, leadership opportunities, and other ways of sharing your gifts of time and service. The Body of Christ – the church – is made of many people with many gifts, so THANK YOU for sharing yours! [Click here to fill out the volunteer interest form.](#)

**"+ 1" To Feed Hungry Families.** Every time your family goes to the store, add one extra item (+ 1) to your grocery cart and then bring it to church to share with a hungry family. The Food Pantry is specifically asking Glenn families for **hot/cold cereals** and **dry/boxed milk**. Non-perishable food donations can be dropped off in the box by the church mailboxes (by the stairwell leading to the nurseries). [Click here for more info. on Intown Collaborative Ministries.](#) For more info on how to support the Service Team, volunteer at the food pantry (children welcome!), and more, contact Diane Bryant [dianebrain@gmail.com](mailto:dianebrain@gmail.com).

**Care Team & Homebound Communion.** Would you like to reach out to our older adult church family that may be homebound, lonely, or hoping to connect with our younger church family? It's amazing how much a card in the mail or a short visit can mean - including your kids' smiling faces. Contact me to learn more about our Care Team!

**Glenn T-shirts for Sale.** \$10 snazzy Glenn Memorial UMC t-shirts. Kids & adult sizes. Women's V-neck. Contact the church office - 404.634.3936 [membership@glennumc.org](mailto:membership@glennumc.org).

**Updating the Edward G. Mackay Library.** The Library is undergoing a transformation into a new, user-friendly place with an array of new books. Though still a work in progress, please feel free to come in and take a look. There are new books on managing your finances, marriage, addiction, and other issues so important in life. There is also a growing section of fiction, including a range of authors from Francine Rivers to James Patterson. A new bar code check-out system is being implemented, but for the time being please take home a book and just leave a note with your name and the book you checked out. We encourage you to make good use of **your** library! For information on volunteering or donations to the library, contact our librarian, LeEllen Hannan [leellen@hannan.com](mailto:leellen@hannan.com).

**Recreation @ Glenn.** Did you know we have weekly Tai-Chi, Yoga, and Adult Basketball (seasonal)? For more information, visit <http://www.glennumc.org/exerciseandrec> or call the church office 404.634.3936.

**Freedom Sunday. Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.** Faith communities around the world will join together to raise awareness of human trafficking and to mobilize people of faith to end the second largest form of international criminal activity. According to the U.S. Dept. of State, over 800,000 people are trafficked across country borders every year, the majority of whom are women and girls for sexual exploitation. United Methodist Women around the globe are being encouraged by the Women's Division of the UMC to take part in Freedom Sunday. For more information on UMW's efforts worldwide, [click here](#). For more information on how you can get involved with Glenn's UMW efforts to combat human trafficking, contact Carol Napier at [carolwnapier@bellsouth.net](mailto:carolwnapier@bellsouth.net), or 404-634-5809.

**Be an Usher or Greeter at 11am Worship!** Can you smile, welcome visitors, and pass out bulletins and offering plates? Congratulations! You're qualified! We welcome families to serve together - **children are welcome**. For more info. and to volunteer, contact Bard Brockman [kbrockman@mindspring.com](mailto:kbrockman@mindspring.com).

**Newspaper/Magazine Recycling to Benefit the Boy Scouts.** A new green and red recycling bin for newspapers, magazines, etc. has been placed in the YAAB parking lot. This is not for trash but for newspapers, etc. If you have questions please call the church office at 404-634-3936.

**Sneakers, Cell Phone, Ink Cartridge, & Crayon Recycling.** Glenn is partnering with Nike and Crayola to recycle old sneakers and crayons. Sneaker soles will be ground up and used for sports surfaces, playgrounds, and new Nike sneakers. For more information, [click here](#). For more info. on crayon recycling, [click here](#). Used cell phones & empty ink cartridges are recycled in a program to benefit Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. Collection containers are located by the Church School Building mailboxes (in the stairwell).

**Kids in Worship Reminders.** For your info and to share with visitors: Childcare in the Church School Building is provided for children 6 weeks old through Kindergarten during our 8:30 am and 11:00 am Sunday Worship. Pre-K & Kindergarten children now join us in 11:00 am worship for the opening hymn and Children's Sermon. They return to Extended Care with childcare workers and are signed out as usual after the service ends. Children's Bulletins and Worship Kits (look for the new cloth bags!) are available at both services. A Comfort Room is now available in the Bride's Room on the bottom floor (the back stairwell under the balcony) with a changing table, rocking chair, single restroom, and comforting space.

**Safety @ Glenn.** Our Child Protection Policy requires children to be signed in AND out of activities to ensure their safety. Additionally, children must be accompanied by an adult at all times -- whether in the YAAB, Church School building, sanctuary, or playground. *This includes before activities on Wed. Nights.* Please remember that our church is an open/public space, so we must take all precautions to ensure the safety of young and old alike.

**Marriage Coach Website.** A North Georgia United Methodist pastor has created a free online interactive tool to help communication in marriages. The online confidential survey is a tool to use at home and if you'd like to seek pastoral counseling. [Click here for more info.](#) Please note that our Glenn clergy and Lay Ministers are always available for confidential care and counseling on any subject. You can contact me for more info. or the church office at 404.634.3936.

**Check out our 2011-2012 Sunday School video! [Click here!](#)** Thanks to Jonathon and Kathy Brockman!

**Family Devotion.** United Methodist Church Family Ministries - free online family devotion guide [click here](#).

### **United Methodism 101.**

UM101 is a free, basic online course designed for new United Methodists and anyone wanting to know more about the denomination, as well as long-time United Methodists who would like to check their basic knowledge of the church. Each of the four modules in this course contains many interactive features and takes about one hour to complete at the participant's leisure. Click here for a preview or for more information [visit the website by clicking here.](#)

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