

mission moment cont.

On a chilly March day, a morning of service for the Environmental Committee was spent cleaning up a garden plot at the New Roots Community Garden, which is affiliated with the International Rescue Committee (IRC). The garden is located between North DeKalb Mall and the Subaru dealership. The IRC provides opportunities for refugees and other immigrants to thrive in America. www.rescue.org/united-states/atlanta-ga Glenn has participated in this cleanup effort for several years. It is a fun morning for young and old alike! We hope you will join us next year.

For more info on how you can get involved, contact Rev. Brent Huckaby, Minister for Worship and Missions, at bhuckaby@glennumc.org.

seasons

The life of the church is always changing and with those changes come many emotions from celebration to sorrow. We extend support for each season of our life together:

Baptism

Porter McCabe Gannon, baptized February 10

Death

Betty Bentley Watson, died February 5

Glenn notes

The monthly newsletter of Glenn Memorial Church

Sharing Space, Sharing Christ

There's a tent outside our church. Did I miss something? Has a traveling evangelist come to town? Is May Circus Month here at Glenn?

And then I remember: graduation.

Of course. Ours is a shared space. Lots of folks—parents, grandparents, kin and friends—will descend upon campus Monday, and a lot of them will gather at some point in the Glenn Auditorium. That's the Glenn Sanctuary to us, and while they might not name it, it will be a place of sanctuary for them, too. For a little while over the next few days, parents and graduates alike will wax nostalgic and dare to dream. Graduation is one of those moments when all that is past meets all that is yet to be. In my eyes, that's a holy moment and worthy of the magnificence of our sanctuary.

Ours is a shared space. In fact, it's the sharing that defines it. Our sanctuary becomes holy when we gather together in praise and thanksgiving. And this holy space becomes sanctuary when we welcome the next person who walks through the doors.

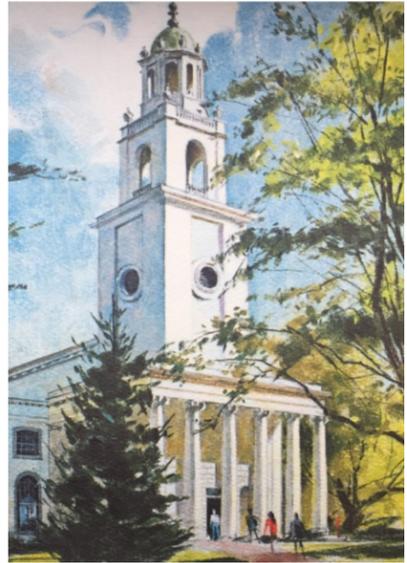
When was the last time you blessed this sanctuary by sharing it

with someone you know? When was the last time you said, "Hey, good stuff happens at Glenn. Why don't you join me?" Sharing what we've found—that's called evangelism—and it is at the heart of this life we, well, share. And, at its best, evangelism comes down to three simple words, "Come and see."

Look to the Gospel of John, and you'll find the power of those words. Philip told Nathanael that he had found the one "whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, "Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth," to which Nathanael famously replied, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Did Philip debate the point? No, he simply said, "Come and see." Remember the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4)? Her invitation to her fellow villagers was hardly the stuff of altar calls: "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" And amazing things happened.

An invitation in words simple and sincere is all that is required to share your faith. With your neighbors or co-workers or friends, share what you know; share what you've found.

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Then, once they decide to share some time with us, we have to be ready to welcome them with joy.

This shared space is holy space. Beauty? It's shared here. Compassion—shared here. Truth is shared here; love is shared here.

Jesus the Christ is shared here. Life in all its joy, sorrow, and abundance is shared right here, every day, every week, all year round.

In Christ, Rev. Mark Westmoreland

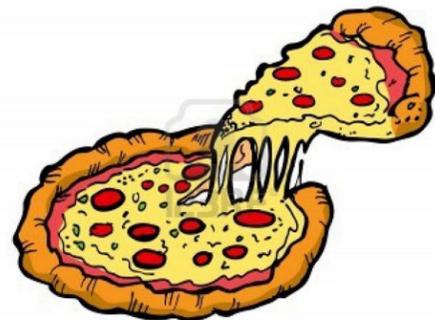


for youth

Senior Banquet

Sunday, May 19 following the Gathering worship service, join us for an evening of celebrating our seniors and their families. Please bring a side dish (no nuts, please) to share.

For more info about our youth ministry, contact Rev. Blair Setnor, Minister for Youth and Recreation at bsetnor@glennumc.org.



for older adults

Wesley Woods Towers Annual Spring Fling

Thursday, May 16, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Clifton Road. Celebrate Older Americans Month with our neighbors at Wesley Woods Retirement Community! There will be a bake sale, jewelry sale, T-shirt sale, popcorn & ice cream, live entertainment, and a nice silent auction. BBQ tickets are \$15.00 which includes your choice of ribs or chicken along-side baked beans, slaw, potato salad and drink. Hamburger and hot dog plates are an option as well. Proceeds benefit the residents' association which donates regularly to the Wesley Woods Foundation. For more info or to donate baked goods, contact Rev. Susan Pinson at spinson@glennumc.org.

FriendShip Group—Encore Tour of The Temple!

Thursday, May 23, 10:00 a.m. Join us for our second visit to The Temple in Midtown Atlanta, one of American Judaism's most historic religious institutions. Founded in 1867, it is the city's oldest and most diverse synagogue. We enjoyed our visit in March so much that we are returning for an extended tour of the Holocaust Memorial and more. All are welcome – first time visitors or return guests! Optional dutch-treat lunch in Emory Village when we return. RSVP with Rev. Susan Pinson at spinson@glennumc.org.

for kids

Club 1012—No Parents Allowed!

Sunday, May 19, 6:00 p.m., Room 211 For 'tweens ages 10, 11, & 12-years-old to come share thoughts, worries, goals, or frustrations away from our parents & teachers! Confidential support led by Ann Marie Lehrer with the Care & Counseling Center of Georgia. Pizza & drinks provided. \$10/session. RSVP with Rev. Susan Pinson at spinson@glennumc.org.

education

Summer Lecture Series 2019

Begins Sunday, June 2, 9:45 a.m. During the summer, our adult Sunday School classes gather together for a combined lecture series at 9:45 a.m. in the Ward Fellowship Hall. We welcome professors from Emory's Candler School of Theology to lead our sessions. Come early for a cup of coffee and bring your thoughts and questions on **"Lift Every Voice: Racial Healing and Justice"**. Below is the full schedule and speakers:

JUNE

- 2: The Rev. Dr. Robert Franklin on *Moral Leadership and the Arc of Racial Healing and Justice*
- 9: Dr. Luther Smith on *Howard Thurman's Prophetic Significance for Today*
- 16: The Rev. Dr. Ted Weber on *Reflections from American Civil Rights Movement*
- 23: Dr. Gregory Ellison on *Fearless Dialogues*
- 30: The Rev. Michelle Ledder on *From Monitoring to Ministry – Real Skills for Dismantling Racism Right Now*

JULY

- 7: Dr. Nichole Phillips on *Patriotism Black and White: The Color of American Exceptionalism*
- 14: Dr. Tony Alonso on *Caminemos con Jesús: Latinx Theologies of Accompaniment and Encounter*
- 21: Dr. Beth Corrie on *Confronting Racism through Jesus*
- 28: The Rev. Jenny Phillips on *Creation and the City of God: How United Methodist Stewardship of Property Can Promote Racial Equity*

AUGUST

- 4: Dr. Beth Corrie on *White Churches and the Work of Reparations*
- 11: Dr. Mindy McGarrah Sharp on *Sustaining Resistance: Pastoral Care for the Ongoing Work of Racial Justice*
- 18: Dr. Alison Greene on *Histories of Race and Southern Churches in the 20th Century*



mission moment

The three areas of service opportunity at Glenn are divided into local, global, and environmental areas. Please check Glenn's website and look under "Service at Glenn" to find ways that you might get involved. We need your help! See what the committees have been up to recently:

Local: Glenn's local service efforts are focused on the guiding principles found in the gospel of Matthew:

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. — Matthew 25:35-36"

One recent event was held on March 24, when members of our congregation served at Trinity Table, a Sunday soup kitchen that feeds over 300 homeless people at Trinity UMC in downtown Atlanta. Per Diane Bryant, "it was a joy to serve with the 14 volunteers from Glenn who were willing to jump in and do whatever was asked of them. And then they asked what more could they do. I am always stuck by what wonderful folks the members of Glenn are: young, old, men, women, families, seasoned volunteers and enthusiastic newbies. Everyone jumps in to make it happen. We started at 10:30 and were cleaned up and out of there by 1:30." Other Glenn members not in attendance contributed food and money.

Global: Missions at Glenn acts as the Hands and Feet outside our local area.

A painting and cleanup day was held on MLK Day in Clarkston. This is part of a new partnership with Memorial Drive Ministries, an organization dedicated to serving the refugee population in Georgia. Glenn also hosted our missionary partners from Cambodia. We had a chance to learn about their work with students overseas and see the ways Glenn is supporting them.

Environmental: We look to raise awareness of the connection between our faith as Christians and our responsibility to care for creation and to help save God's world. We strive to set examples for new behaviors and be good stewards for today and tomorrow's world.

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