

October/November/December 2018

MARKS OF A METHODIST

Ever wonder where the word Methodist comes from?

Have you been attending a United Methodist Church but never really known what it is?

Have questions about the United Methodist Church? How it's different from another type of church?

New to NUMC? Wonder about joining/becoming a member of Northbrook United Methodist Church?

Join us for a worship series; a class; a "method," a history; a confirmation of your baptismal vows; a question time; learn about being trans and United Methodist, learn more about what's going on in the United Methodist Church; our identity as a Reconciling United Methodist Church.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7: 11 AM WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, WORSHIP WITH GLENBROOK KOREAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WITH POTLUCK LUNCH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP. **NOTE SPECIAL TIME.**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14: 10 AM WORSHIP, WHO WAS JOHN WESLEY? LEARNING THE SONG, RULE OF LIFE
11:15 – 11:45 AM: CLASS FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT BECOMING A MEMBER OF NUMC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21: 10 AM WORSHIP, FAITH ACCORDING TO UNITED METHODISTS
11:15 – 11:45 AM: CLASS FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT BECOMING A MEMBER OF NUMC

1:00 PM: FAITH AND SERVICE – GLENBROOK C.R.O.P. WALK (WALK TO END HUNGER IN THE WORLD)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28: 10 AM NUMC RECONCILING SUNDAY, BEING TRANSGENDER AND UNITED METHODIST, SPECIAL SPEAKER, M BARCLAY-FIRST OPENLY TRANS COMMISSIONED DEACON IN UMC

11 AM: RECEPTION AND QUESTION AND ANSWER TIME WITH M

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4: 10 AM WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION, SACRAMENTS ACCORDING TO NUMC
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO NUMC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11: 10 AM WORSHIP, WESLEY'S GENERAL RULES
11 – 12 NOON: WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE UMC, GENERAL CONFERENCE 2019

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18: 10 AM WORSHIP, GOING ON TO PERFECTION
6 – 8 PM: GLENVIEW YOUTH SERVICES, PRESENTATION ON BEING LGBTQIA

More from Pastor Sherrie:

In the last edition of The Messenger I wrote of three plans being presented to the special General Conference of February, 2019:

*The Traditionalist Plan, which would increase enforcement of the denomination's current prohibitions against same-gender weddings and "self-avowed practicing" gay clergy.

*The Connectional Conference Plan, which would restructure the denomination to have churches and conferences align into different connectional conferences based on theological outlook.

*The One Church Plan, which would remove discriminatory language from the Book of Discipline and leave questions of marriage and ordination closer to the local church and conference level.

There is another plan being presented to General Conference. This plan, named *The Simple Plan, is presented by The Queer Clergy Caucus. A link to the site where you can read about this plan is found here:

<https://um-forward.org/home/2018/9/5/it-is-simple>

I find hope where the voices of the marginalized are heard and brought forward into the conversation. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, also had a Simple Plan for a way forward in our faith formation: *Do No Harm, *Do Good, *Stay in Love With God. I pray that as a church we will stop our harm of discrediting and punishing those who are expanding our understanding of gender and sexuality, becoming all who God has created us to be.

Yet another Simple Plan that Northbrook United Methodist Church is experimenting with:

*L.I.F.T., Learning in Faith Together. We experienced our first L.I.F.T. service on Sunday, September 23. The mission and values underlying L.I.F.T. are these:

*Parents, children, single adult, youth, elderly, grandparents have very little opportunity or time to be in a worshiping, safe, sacred, and learning space together.

*We worship God in so many different ways and means. L.I.F.T. can be helpful for learning styles while helping to meet the needs of all types of worshipers and learners.

*Building a strong community of relationships where God's love is experienced through sharing food, sharing our thoughts and ideas, sharing prayers and music, sharing symbol-making, sharing time.

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A few of the highlights of our first L.I.F.T. worship:

A young person of the church sharing his singing gift with the Beatle's song, "Imagine."

A seven-year-old member sharing his responses to the question, "How do we make for peace?" His responses: "Trustworthiness" and "Learning."

A mom of two young children joining our service, saying she came specifically because she read about L.I.F.T. and knew this was the type of service she could bring her family to.

A grown man and a ten-year-old sitting side-by-side at the table learning how to fold a paper crane--a symbol of peace.

Sharing great fruit, yogurt, and granola--a truly sacramental Peace Parfait!

An adult learning how to meditate without falling asleep! (and learning that sleep is what he may need the most!)

Mistakes were made. Some may have been uncomfortable. It is difficult to leave the comfort zone of the familiar. But Learning in Faith Together, as we also shared in our answers to making peace in our church, requires patience and forgiveness. It is a worthwhile experiment!

SAVE THE DATES – HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Wednesday, November 21: 7:00 pm, Techny Towers

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 16: 10:00 am during worship

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY WORSHIP

Monday, December 24: 4:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Monday, December 24: 10:00 pm



CROP WALK

Save the Date: Sunday, October 21 from 12:30 – 2:30 pm

The 2018 CROP Walk will be held this year in Northfield, IL. The 5 km walk will kick off at 1:00 pm from the host church – Northfield Community Church at 400 Wagner Road (corner of Willow and Wagner).

What is the CROP Walk? – This is a walk to raise money and awareness of the problem with Hunger in our world. One quarter of the money raised by our walk will go to local Hunger/Pantry organizations. NUMC has participated in the CROP Walk for over 30 years.

The CROP walk is organized by Church World Service (www.cwsglobal.org), an interdenominational Christian organization founded in 1946.

The Glenbrook CROP Walk has always been scheduled in late October around the fall foliage season. With (hopefully) a sunny afternoon this means the CROP Walk is a great occasion to get some exercise outside to support a worthy cause!

Everyone at NUMC is encouraged to participate, either as a walker or a supporter (financial backing of one or more walkers).

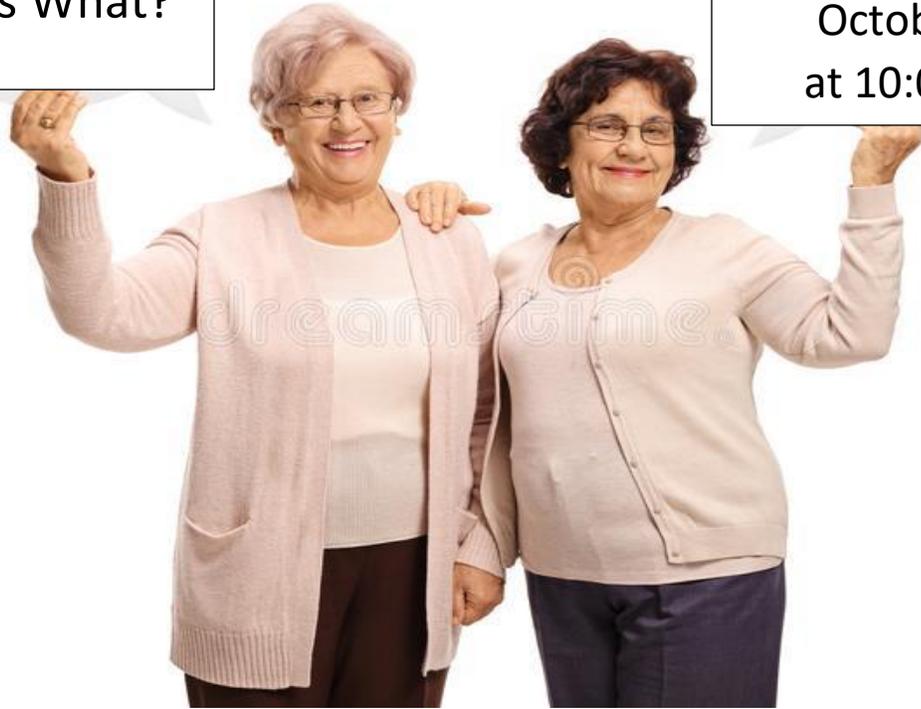
If you are interested in walking contact Peter Greulich (847-272-5857 or petergreulich@comcast.net).

To financially support one or more of our walkers you can go online to (www.crophungerwalk.org/glenbrook), click on view a team and look for NUMC team, or at the CROP bulletin board in Penberthy Hall.

Let's make the NUMC walkers the biggest and best funded group at the Glenbrook CROP Walk in Northfield on October 21st

Guess What?

Martha Circle is
meeting on
October 11
at 10:00 am.



Is it Christmas already? No but we are getting ready. Our children's pageant will be on December 16 during worship. If your child will be involved, mark these rehearsal dates now:

All rehearsals are from 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

November 18

November 25

December 2

December 9

If you have any questions feel free to contact Erin Gosser at 847-976-1688 or email her at petrongosser@gmail.com



Reconciling Service – Sunday, October 28

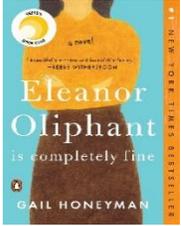
The Spirit Moving In Strange Places

We are extremely pleased that M Barclay, a transgender Deacon, will be preaching at our Reconciling Service on October 28. M uses the pronouns “they,” “their” and “them.” Rev. M Barclay is an openly bisexual and nonbinary trans deacon in The United Methodist Church. They are currently serving as Director at Enfleshed - an ecumenical nonprofit committed to "bringing what matters back to the gospel for justice, liberation, and delight" through progressive spiritual resources, pastoral care, and teaching on the intersections of faith and justice. M formerly served as Director of Communications at Reconciling Ministries Network, advocating for queer and trans justice in The UMC. They have also enjoyed working as a hospital chaplain, youth director, justice associate and faith coordinator for reproductive justice in Texas. They have agreed to stay after worship for a Q&A session in our Library. Please plan to come and welcome M into our midst!

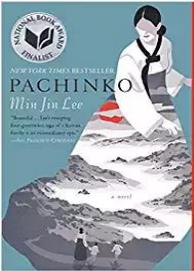
Outreach to Community on LGBTQIA. We are partnering with the Youth Services of Glenview/ Northbrook, for a presentation about LGBTQIA issues by their youth to the general public on Sunday evening November 18 from **6-8 pm** at their beautiful facilities at 3080 West Lake Avenue in Glenview. If it is anything like what some of us saw presented at the Glenview Public Library last year, it will be a powerful and informative program. Watch for details in our Bulletins and E-Devotionals.

Alice Lonoff

**BOOK CLUB
GO AHEAD, READ AHEAD!**

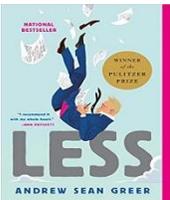


October 24th - "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine" by Gail Honeyman Host: Lona Louis
Beautifully written and incredibly funny, this book is about the importance of friendship and human connection. Eleanor is an eccentric and regimented loner whose life beautifully unfolds after a chance encounter with a stranger.



November 28th - "Less" by Andrew Sean Greer Host: Lyndl Schuster
A struggling novelist travels the world to avoid an awkward wedding in this hilarious Pulitzer Prize-winning novel full of "arresting lyricism and beauty.

December - no meeting



January 16th - Pachinko by Min Jin Lee Host: Chris Greulich
Pachinko is a story of love, sacrifice, ambition, and loyalty. From bustling street markets to the halls of Japan's finest universities to the pachinko parlors of the criminal underworld, Lee's complex and passionate characters--strong, stubborn women, devoted sisters and sons, fathers shaken by moral crisis--survive and thrive against the indifferent arc of history.

MISSIONS – Sharon Noha

CHILDSERV CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We'll be supporting ChildServ once again with Christmas gifts for needy Chicago-area children. We'll be getting names in early Nov. with gifts due back on Nov. 25.

MLK SERVICE DAY 2019

MLK Service Day preparations are underway for next January. Ideas for family-friendly projects to do at NUMC or groups you'd like us to try to support are always welcome.

FALL OFFICE HOURS FOR PASTOR SHERRIE

Monday: Sabbath Day Off

Tuesday: 9 am – 5 pm and 7 pm – 9 pm (meetings)

Wednesday: 10 am – 6 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm (meetings)

Thursday: 9 am – 5 pm

Saturday: 9 am - noon

Sunday: 8 am – 1:00 pm, Worshiping with You!

***If at any time you wish to meet with Pastor Sherrie call her in the office at
847-272-2442 X 12 or on her cell 773-357-4505***



UPDATE ON RAIN

Racial Awareness In The Northshore

RAIN is an outgrowth of an interfaith discussion that took place 3 years ago – yes, we have been going three years strong now! Our next two planning meetings are:

Tuesday, October 2nd in Pollak Room of the Northbrook Public Library – 7 pm.

Tuesday, Nov. 13 in **Penberthy Hall at NUMC – 7 pm.**

Our Workshop on Thursday, November 15th is titled “**Navigating Hot Button Topics During The Holidays.**” Please plan to come and bring a friend. We will meet in Pollak Room of the Northbrook Public Library from 7-8:30.

This interactive workshop will be facilitated by Dan Roller who is active in the Chicago branch of SURJ – Standing Up for Racial Justice. He has run many workshops and this promises to be excellent! You will learn and you will have the chance to participate. To be sure of a space, please register on the Library website <https://www.northbrook.info/events/navigating-hot-button-topics-during-holidays> Last minute arrivals are welcome if there is room.



Ellen Gotelli is a first year Master of Divinity student at Garrett Evangelical Theological seminary, and just graduated from Hendrix College in Arkansas. She is a lover of coffee, dogs, long distance running, kickball, Cacti, and Texas--her home state. Ellen is proud to serve a reconciling congregation, and feels passionately called to ministry with young people and their families. Prior to coming to Northbrook, she served as the Youth Associate for First United Methodist Church Conway, and with Americorps, as a programming director for students pre-K to 12th grade in summer literacy programs. Ellen is excited to meet our congregation, and join our church in the next few weeks. She encourages any parents or youth to reach out to her at ellen@northbrookumc.org to ask any questions, or make an appointment to come and meet her in person during her office hours on Thursdays from 9AM-2PM

TRUSTEES UPDATE

The Trustees have been working very hard this year on the heating project. They looked at 3 quotes for 3 different types of systems and chose the best for our church. Roberts, our longtime resource for our heating, has begun the work to get ready to install the new system. This system will include air conditioning which will make the sanctuary much more comfortable during the summer worship hours.

Just like the roof and the work on the parsonage, this work was not optional. Trustees have chosen with not only cost in mind, but knowing what would be the best for our older building. Thank you to all of them for their diligence and hard work and for never letting us down.

Susan Clark

Steve Szumowski

John Trout

Phil Braden

Okhee Choi

Tony Camardo

Grant Kim

Pastor Sherrie Lowly and Helayne Levin

FINANCIAL SECRETARY NEWS

Please advise Bruce Woolman at Financialsecretary2018@northbrookumc.org if you have any questions regarding your Giving Statements. Please let me know if you donate stock to the church so I can give you credit for it.

Thank you. Bruce Woolman
Financial Secretary

MOM'S SUMMER GROUP

Moms in all stages of parenthood are invited! NUMC has such strong women, but sometimes, it's nice to feel the love of our "village." Come join with other moms to support each other and discuss a wide range of topics.

Monday Moms will continue throughout the year on the third or fourth Monday of the month.

Dates through June 2019 are: 10/22, 11/26, 12/17, 1/28, 2/25, 3/18, 4/22, 5/20, 6/24.

At the home of Erin Gosser
from 7:30pm to 9:00pm
Please, no children at this group.

CHOIR

Love to sing?

Love making new friends?

Love being part of a group?

Join the church choir.

Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings
at 7:30 pm.

Please see

Shirley Mosteller
for more information



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSINGS

FOR THANKSGIVING

November 22 and 23

FOR CHRISTMAS

December 25 and 26

FOR NEW YEARS

January 1

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Tuesday, November 6, 7::00pm

Once a year we receive a visit from our District Superintendent to gather and hear about plans for our Chicago Northwestern District and do some sharing about what is happening with our own church. It's a great time to ask questions of our District Superintendent and remember our connection with the other United Methodist churches in our area. This year we have a new District Superintendent, Rev. Brittany Isaacs, so be sure to join us and help her feel welcomed.

FROM DAVE HANSON, COUNCIL CHAIR

The last council meeting of the year is Monday November 5th at 7pm.

SMALL GROUP FAITH FORMATION

Our small group faith formation meets on Saturdays at 9:30 am. We gather in a small group and talk about growing your faith and deepening your spirituality. We have found this group to be a great means of sharing, learning, and praying together. Everyone is welcome to join the group at any time.

Finance Update

Budget – Both Income and Expenses are on target for 2018. Pledged and Unpledged giving is on schedule for the year, so thank you for keeping current on your giving so we can pay the bills on time. Additional money for Capital expenses has come from the Land Sale and 50th Anniversary funds, which are almost completely depleted.

Stewardship Campaign – This year we are going to try something a little different with our stewardship campaign. We are planning on holding several small group gatherings to have an opportunity to come together and reflect upon the fabulous community we find here at NUMC. Gatherings will be scheduled at various times over a three-week period beginning October 21. Pastor Sherrie and a member of the Finance committee will take a few minutes to share financial information about our church and answer any questions that you may have about our finances. But more importantly, it will give us an opportunity to connect with each other and renew our commitment to our church. The gatherings are expected to last 45 minutes and Finance Committee will provide light refreshments. If you are interested in hosting a gathering at your home, please let Pastor Sherrie know. Pledge Sunday will be November 18.

Capital Campaign – Trustees have been working furiously the past few years to make repairs to our beloved church property. Our budget has limited funds available for repairs, so we rely on the 50th Anniversary Fund and the Land Sale monies to pay for significant improvements. Unfortunately, over the last few years we have encountered several large projects that had to be taken care of immediately; and with the Heating and Air Conditioning project we will bring the balance in those funds very close to zero. We would like to create a new (70th anniversary?) fund to give Trustees the ability to continue to make capital improvements and significant repairs to our dear building. If you are interested in helping to organize this campaign which is set to kickoff this spring, please contact Pastor Sherrie.

If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact any of your Finance committee members: Heather MacDonald (Chair.), Peter Greulich (Treasurer), Bruce Woolman (Financial Secretary), John Trout (Vanco on-line giving), Steve Szumowski (Trustees rep.), Steve Tucker (Staff-Parish rep.)



CHOIR CELEBRATION

Looks like everyone in the choir had a great time as they shared dinner and stories at the culminating choir event.

If you would like to be part of the choir, if you like making wonderful new friends, if you like to sing, contact Shirley Mosteller and you too, can be part of this wonderful group.



The Northfield Township Food Pantry serves over 600 people in need, on a daily basis. We help by providing all sorts of non-perishable food items including cereals, pasta, pasta sauces, canned vegetables, baking mixes, flour, sugar, coffee, and so on. Please help your neighbors in need, drop donations on the shelf in Penberthy Hall.



Hearing Loop System

Thanks to several generous donors, a hearing induction loop system was part of the 2012 chancel renovation. A hearing loop is a thin, tape-like wire that encircles the sanctuary and magnetically transmits sound to hearing aids and cochlear implants with telecoils (T-coils). Individuals with hearing aids and cochlear implants equipped with t-coils can now hear everything that is said or sung into a microphone without additional headsets.



Serving in Leadership:
 Pastor Sherrie Lowly
 Dir. Children and Youth:
 Choir Director: Shirley Mosteller
 Organist: Mijin Kim
 Administrative Assistant: Helayne Levin

Council Chair: Dave Hanson
 Recording Sec'y: Nancy Buehler
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 Treasurer: Peter Greulich
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 Mission Chair: Sharon Noha
 Reconciling: Alice Lonoff and John Cheung
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 Ex Officio: Pastor Sherrie Lowly

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