

Sweet June

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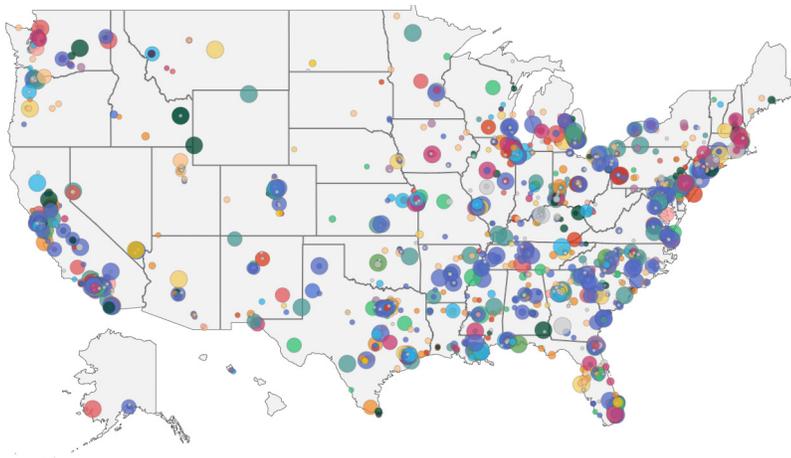
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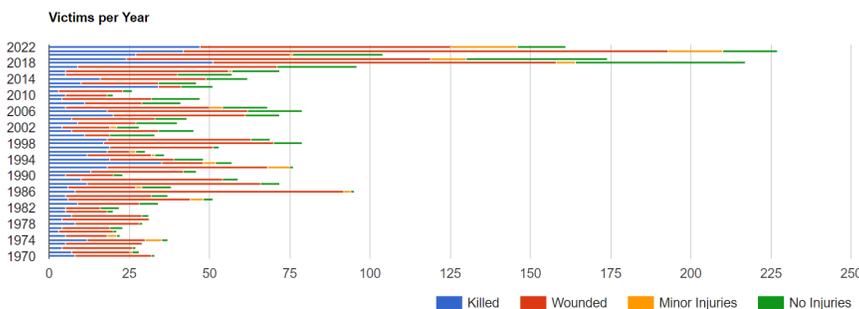
KENT'S KORNER

As I sit to write 24 hours after the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde TX, I have no words – certainly, no words to answer any “why” questions. I cannot say this is part of some divine plan, for the senseless killing of students and teachers is not the will of God. I cannot fathom any motive justifying a shooter donning body armor, securing military assault-like weapons, and firing on a classroom filled with innocent defenseless victims. Nor can I excuse our national leaders for their stubbornly sinful refusal to pass sensible gun legislation.

Look at the map. According to the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security, every single state in the union has experienced a K-12 school shooting.



Look at the chart. According to the same source, the number of casualties from K-12 school shootings is increasing exponentially.



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IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL
WORSHIP 10:00 AM
JUNE 2022

June 5

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Scripture

Genesis 11:1-9 and Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

Bookends

Rev. Dr. Kent Ulery

June 12

TRINITY SUNDAY

Scripture

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 and John 16:12-15

SERMON

Who Is She?

Rev. Dr. Kent Ulery

June 19

YOUTH MISSION TRIP SUNDAY

Scripture

Luke 8:26-39

SERMON

Legion

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June 26

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Scripture

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

SERMON

“Love God, and Do As You Please”

Rev. Dr. Kent Ulery

Look at the numbers. During this academic year, 45 schools have experienced shootings. Over the last decade, Uvalde ranks as the third most deadly mass shooting, following Virginia Tech (33 fatalities) and Sandy Hook (28), just above Stoneman Douglas (17) and Texas' Santa Fe High School (10).

Look at the faces of the dead. As school pictures began appearing on this morning's news, I had to force myself. Tears welled in my eyes and ran down my cheeks. We all failed them.

Watching the parents and townspersons, I remembered serving in Sycamore IL – twin city to DeKalb. A decade after the Northern Illinois University shooting (6 killed, 21 injured), every Valentine's Day a pall fell over the community as people remembered that fateful day, and how they could have been victims.

Though I do not own a gun, I am not against gun ownership. Personally, I have fired a gun on a target range. I take no offense at my family members who are avid hunters. And I do understand the need for those who stand in harm's way – the police and the

military – to be armed.

But I am among the 72% of Americans who view gun violence as a "big problem" (Pew Research Center, April 2021). And I do advocate for stricter gun control, and I vote for political candidates who agree.

It is not that I am against the Second Amendment. But what happened at Robb Elementary School had nothing to do with "a well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state..." Even the Supreme Court's 2008 Heller decision specified that the Second Amendment does not confer a "right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose."

I believe, as Christians, offering our thoughts and prayers is not enough. Jesus told Peter to put away his sword. God's promised blessing is bestowed on the peacemakers.

Kent

SPIRITUAL COUNCIL MEETING, MAY 17, 2022 REPORT

At our May meeting, the Spiritual Council approved a request from the GCC Nursery School to level and re-mulch the church playground. The work, necessary for the children's safety, will be done this summer in coordination with replacing the playground fence. We are grateful that the nursery school secured an outside grant fully funding these projects.

Most of our meeting was spent working on the creation of a new mission statement. Clarifying our mission will be helpful this summer when the Spiritual Council turns its attention to developing strategic goals. Reports from the various mission teams now are part of our consent agenda. You might find these highlights interesting:

Congregational Life Ministry is working on ways to solicit more volunteers and move forward with their four teams.

Faith Formation Ministry is working on potential programming ideas for the Speaker Series and will have a variety of speakers on a broad matter of subjects for this fall. They are hoping to appeal to the congregation (especially you) and the broader community (at least all of Glenview).

Worship and Music Ministry reports that everything is going very well. I know they could use volunteers and donations of baked goods for Sunday Morning Fellowship Hour. Email me, JoAnne Peters, at jo.gramma.peters@gmail.com if you are interested in baking or serving. (Sorry, I couldn't resist.)

See you in Church!

Jo Anne Peters, *Church Clerk*

GCC ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, MAY 22, 2022 REPORT

The Annual Congregational Meeting of The Glenview Community Church was held on Sunday, May 22, at 11:15am. A special "thank you" to those who were there, and sending this report for those who could not attend. The meeting lasted just short of one hour, and was packed with information and decisions such as the following:

- The slated Ministry and Spiritual Council Members were duly elected and installed.
- We are now a W.I.S.E. Church, as we adopted the covenant making us Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged for all with mental health challenges and their families.
- The Senior Pastor Search continues and is progressing nicely, but not hurriedly as we hope to discern the best Senior Pastor for GCC.
- We approved a dedicated space in the Northeast corner of the east section of the front lawn for a new memorial garden. Lots of planning ahead now before we vote again on the specifics. Keep your eyes open for updates.
- We were asked to consider GCC as part of our planned giving. Looking forward to a special dinner event on Wednesday, October 5.
- Brad Smith was praised and thanked for his many accomplishments as outgoing Moderator.

Hoping to see you in church!
Jo Anne Peters, *Church Clerk*

2022 BUFFALO GROVE FAMILY PRIDE PARADE SUNDAY, JUNE 5

Join us to march under the Glenview Community Church banner at the suburban Buffalo Grove Pride Parade on Sunday, June 5. The focus of the parade is love and acceptance of our LGBTQ youth.

Parade line-up is at 9:30 a.m. The parade runs from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Optional festival is across the street starting at Mike Rylko Park from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. with food, music, and more.

The Faith in Action Team will organize transportation options for those interested in marching with us. For further information or to sign-up to participate, contact Betsy Martin at betsywisemartin@att.net or 847-657-7595.



2022 CHICAGO PRIDE PARADE – SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Participate in Chicago's festive 2022 Pride Parade with 80 other welcoming churches and other ministries in our region. The Chicago Pride Parade is one of the most popular LGBTQ+ events in the city. The Parade concludes the city's month-long celebrations with a famous 4-mile procession through North Halsted, Uptown, Lakeview, and Lincoln Park.

Glenview Community Church FIAT team will organize transportation options to and from the parade start for those adults who wish to participate. Contact Audry Farber at audry_claire_f@hotmail.com or at 847-997-2537 for more information or to sign up for the event.



Glenview Community Church Nursery School

SAVE THE DATE!

Glenview Community Church Nursery School will be celebrating its 75th anniversary during the 2022-2023 school year. On Saturday, October 1, 2022, we will have a special event to celebrate. There will be food, special activities, memorabilia, and tours of the school during the day for the entire family, as well as a party at Coarse Italian for adults during the evening. If you or any of your children attended GCCNS, we would love to have you involved in the celebration! Help us to **"Spread a Little Sunshine"** by celebrating GCCNS's 75th anniversary with us!



Congratulations to all the GCCNS "Seniors" who participated in the "Walking Over the Bridge" Ceremony on May 19th! GCCNS is so excited for them to move on to their next educational adventure!



What a beautiful and fun night we had celebrating the GCCNS 2021-2022 school year! The food was delicious, the decorations so cute, and the activities so much fun! Thank you to many GCCNS parents for organizing the event! It was a night to remember!



HANDS OF PEACE SUMMER PROGRAM

The **Hands of Peace Summer Program** is a powerful, unifying experience that starts our participants on their journey to becoming agents of change. Each summer, **Hands of Peace** brings American, Israeli, and Palestinian youth (15-18 years old) together for a three-week dialogue-based experience. In dialogue sessions led by professional facilitators, participants learn about “the other,” share complicated and sometimes painful stories about the conflict, and explore peaceful solutions to foster equality, freedom, and justice.

This year, the **2022 Hands of Peace Summer Program** will take place July 6-25 at Glenview Community Church. Host families are essential to the success of the summer program, providing a safe “home away from home” for Israelis, Palestinians, and out-of-state Americans. Host families are responsible for driving participants to and from GCC, providing breakfast and most dinners, and giving participants a private space to unwind after a long day. Consider becoming a host family to develop meaningful relationships that can last a lifetime as you experience firsthand how Hands of Peace empowers youth!

Please contact Emily Kenward, the Chicago Site Director, at ekenward@handsofpeace.org to request additional information. Visit us at our website (<https://handsofpeace.org/>) to learn more about Hands of Peace and other ways you can get involved this summer.

LINK TO HOST FAMILY APPLICATIONS:

NEW FAMILY: <https://www.jotform.com/build/212986341238157>

PRIOR FAMILY: <https://www.jotform.com/build/212985728596172>



We remain in prayer for the people of Ukraine, calling for an immediate cessation of violence. As the human toll continues to mount, the United Church of Christ has issued an urgent appeal for funds to help with refugee resettlement as well as aid for those unable to leave the country. We will be working with partners in the area, particularly the Reformed Church of Hungary.

Feel free to donate online (gccucc.org), write a check to Glenview Community Church marked “Ukrainian Relief,” or place money in the marked baskets near the sanctuary doors. Please be generous. People are on the roads seeking sanctuary from the war.

GCC CALENDAR

Thursday, 02 June 2022

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Yoga

Sunday, 05 June 2022

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM GCC Worship Service - Pentecost

11:00 AM to 11:30 AM Fellowship Time

Monday, 06 June 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 2:00pm

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 07 June 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 2:00pm

Wednesday, 08 June 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 2:00pm

Thursday, 09 June 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 2:00pm

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Yoga

Friday, 10 June 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 2:00pm

Sunday, 12 June 2022

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM GCC Worship Service

Monday, 13 June 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 2:00pm

Tuesday, 14 June 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 2:00pm

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Ministry Steering Committee

Wednesday, 15 June 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 2:00pm

Thursday, 16 June 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 2:00pm

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Yoga

Friday, 17 June 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 2:00pm

Sunday, 19 June 2022

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM GCC Worship Service

Monday, 20 June 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 2:00pm

Tuesday, 21 June 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 2:00pm

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Spiritual Council Meeting

Wednesday, 22 June 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 2:00pm

Thursday, 23 June 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 2:00pm

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Yoga

Friday, 24 June 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 2:00pm

4:00 PM to 6:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal/eliz

Sunday, 26 June 2022

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM GCC Worship Service

Monday, 27 June 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 2:00pm

Tuesday, 28 June 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 2:00pm

Wednesday, 29 June 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 2:00pm

Thursday, 30 June 2022

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Summer Hours - Church closes at 2:00pm

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Yoga

CHILDREN AND TEEN FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

CHILDREN AND TEEN MONTH OF MAY HAPPENINGS

May is a month of endings and transitions in the life of our church. Wednesdays during the program year were a fruitful faith and fellowship time for our young people. The FISH children began cooking together after completing the year-long curriculum focusing on Bible verses. The middle and high school youth enjoyed the art room, puppets, and good food. This group finished a year-long curriculum on **"Journey"** and ended by focusing on transitions. The gym got a work out from all the age groups. The PYF 1920's mystery-themed lock-in was a success. PYF is looking forward to their June mission trip.

CONFIRMATION

Do you have an incoming 7th grader? 7th grade is the beginning of the confirmation journey at Glenview Community Church, where 7th and 8th graders explore their faith and learn that serving and loving our community is God's call for us. You can register your 7th grader here. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSewlmtEMBwsN3zT7JYpEvjeRGGROQikOy1kBuHwPmBb9hCiXg/viewform?usp=sf_link

EARLY CHILDHOOD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Glenview Community Church and Glenview Community Church Nursery School are co-sponsoring a summer church school week. The children will learn about God's creation and how to take care of it. This will take place August 1-4 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. The cost is \$25 per child. Each day the children will have outdoor play, inside learning activities, and a snack. Pick up and drop off will be on the playground. This is for children 3 - 6 years old.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSePGL8bwltvTXaEIHuwnQqD98dl6y4HmXAYFGw_AYb_NhZ5vA/viewform?usp=sf_link

CHURCH SCHOOL IN JUNE

The Rainbow Community Garden is planted! Church school children will begin worship with their families and then be dismissed after children's time to tend to the garden. The children will first have a creation-themed lesson, then work in the garden and finish on the playground.



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Rev. Robert C. Warskow, *Pastor Emeritus*

BROADCASTER DEADLINES

June 22, 2022 9:00 AM
July 20, 2022 9:00 AM
August 24, 2022 9:00 AM
September 21, 2022 9:00 AM
October 19, 2022 9:00 AM

Email your article to Tania McCarthy at tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org by 9:00 AM on the deadline date.



**He prayeth best, who loveth best
All things both great and small;
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all.**
Samuel Taylor Coleridge

