



# THE CHRISTIAN ECHO



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While snowflakes covered the ground and the fabric on the communion table, youth made casseroles for homeless folks, and lay members led a lovely service on Laity Sunday.



Even during January's frigid temperatures, the light and love of Christ continued to shine through the congregation.



# MINISTER'S MOMENT



Each January, I have the pleasure of compiling statistics about Glen Echo for the *Year Book & Directory* that is published annually by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In addition to asking for standard statistics such as, “Average Worship Attendance Weekly for 2019” (62), “Total Number Added to Participants by Transfer of Membership in 2019” (6), and “Baptisms” (1), the denomination asks for some fun supplemental information.

One of this year’s questions is, “Of all regularly participating adults, what percent would you estimate are new to this congregation in the last five years?” The answer at Glen Echo is an encouraging 30% (and that number doesn’t include children). This statistic indicates that on any given Sunday morning, one-third of the people sitting in the pews have come to Glen Echo in the last half-decade. In an era when the trend is for churches to decline and close, this is remarkable - and a true reason to give thanks to God.

Of course, we have some “growing edges” through which God continues to guide us. Our spirits are willing, but at times our bodies may be weak, and God helps us to discern new ways to serve as we evolve. We have lost loved ones, and we find comfort in the Holy Spirit and the bonds of fellowship that exist in the church. God is bringing children and teens to our family of faith, and teachers, leaders, and supporters have emerged to care for these precious young people. Your love creates an atmosphere of welcome to counteract the destructive forces that may be encountered elsewhere.

You are an amazing congregation, and I am grateful that I get to continue to love and serve God with you. Together, we will follow as the Creator guides us, giving thanks along the way.

So blessed to be on the journey with you,

*Pastor Dawn*

## FEBRUARY PREACHING SCHEDULE

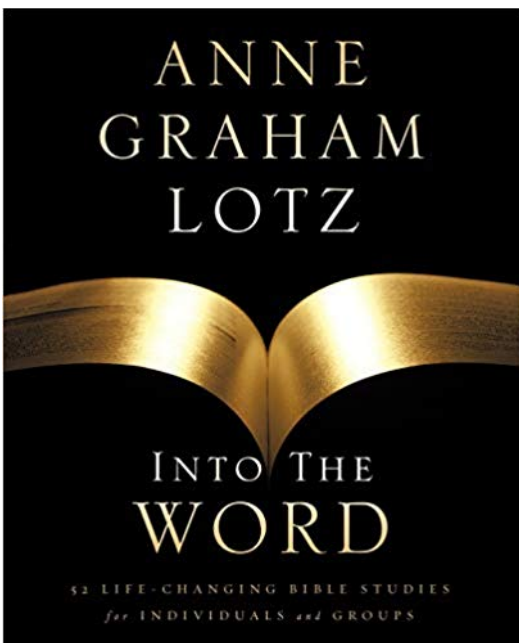
<u>DATE</u>	<u>FIRST LESSON</u>	<u>SECOND LESSON</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>
FEB. 2	Micah 6:1-8	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	“Walking Humbly”
FEB. 9	Isaiah 58:6-12	Matthew 5:13-20	“Jesus’ Salient Sayings”
FEB. 16	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Matthew 5:21-24	“Reconciled”
FEB. 23	Exodus 24:12-18	2 Peter 1:16-21	“Can I Get a Witness?”



### *Is for Valentine's Dinner*

Friday, February 7, we'll gather at Felix & Oscar's (4050 Merle Hay Road, 50310) at 6:00 PM for the annual Valentine's Dinner. All are

welcome to come, regardless of relationship status. If finances are a concern, please talk with Pastor Dawn ahead of time, and the cost of your meal will be covered. Add your name to the sign-up sheet so that we'll have an accurate number for reservations.



### **Sunday Morning Book Study**

Are you searching for more than a surface reading of the Bible? These studies, written by Billy Graham's daughter, draw you directly into God's Word. Brian and Kathleen Smith will facilitate discussions of the book during 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School Classes, beginning February 16. Ten copies of the book have been ordered.



Sunday, February 2, is Souper Bowl Sunday! Julie and Les Youth Group will lead us in cheers to raise awareness of the need for food security, and Brian and Kathleen will share some information about the Souper Bowl of Caring. At the end of the service, we will collect food and funds for the DMARC Food Pantry. Everyone is invited to wear their favorite team gear as we give on this Souper Sunday.

### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

Tuesday, February 25, we will have a Pancake Supper at Glen Echo from 6:00 - 7:30 PM in observance of Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras. Pancakes, sausages, and some healthy food options will be provided. There is no set fee for the meal, though baskets will be placed on the tables for those who wish to help cover the costs. Please sign up if you plan to come.

### **Ash Wednesday**

Lent begins Wednesday, February 26. Enter the spirit of the season by attending worship at Glen Echo from 7:00 - 7:30 PM. Ashes will be placed on foreheads or hands during the service.



# LES YOUTH GROUP

<b>FEBRUARY SCHEDULE</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 9</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 16</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 23</b>
<b>SUPPER</b>		<b>Glen Echo Christian Church</b>	<b>Highland Park CC</b>	<b>Glen Echo Christian Church</b>
<b>DIRECTIONS</b>	<b>Souper Bowl Sunday: No youth group</b>	<b>Abby</b>	<b>David, Dashiell &amp; Pastor Dawn</b>	<b>Brian</b>
<b>ACTIVITY</b>		<b>Mission: Tie Blankets for homeless teens</b>	<b>Fellowship: Board Game Night</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>PRAYER</b>		<b>Pastor Heather</b>	<b>Toni</b>	<b>Pastor Dawn</b>

## SENSE OF VALUE

### December 2019 Financial Figures:

Beginning Balance 11/30/2019	\$ 1,583.85
December Receipts	\$ 9,228.49
December Expenditures	\$(10,732.63)
Ending Balance 12/31/2019	\$ 79.71

Even with receipts down for the last two months of 2019, we were able to end the year with a positive balance. Thanks to everyone for supporting Glen Echo!

*Terri, Stewardship Chair*

## COOL-AID CAMPAIGN



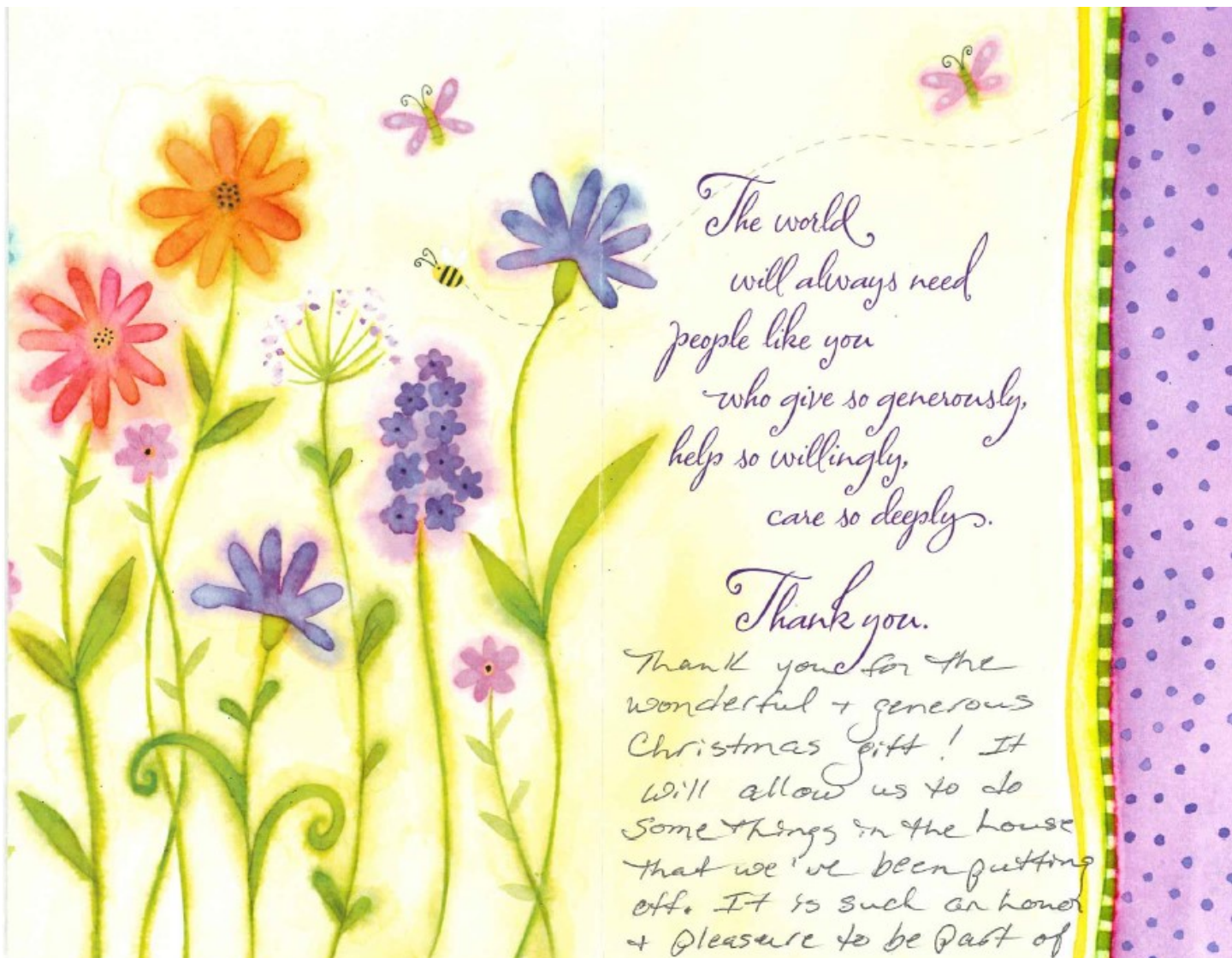
## PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathy  
Ruth  
Patty  
Steve  
Marlene  
Betty  
Hazel  
Julie  
Sharon  
Eileen  
Rosemarie  
Sandy  
George  
Jackson  
Candy  
Danielle  
Rammie  
Deb  
Donna  
Nelda  
Linda  
Galdino  
Lincoln  
Monica  
Monica  
Katie  
Mary

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

<b>January 5</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>January 12</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>January 19</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>January 26</b>	<b>60</b>

I awoke one day to find  
That 2019 was left far behind  
But the comfort of Glen Echo is not forgotten  
As we overcome the stuff out there that is unkind  
and rotten  
Your Cool Aid generosity blows my mind  
So the congregation will never be in a hot bind  
-- Joel




The world  
will always need  
people like you  
who give so generously,  
help so willingly,  
care so deeply.

Thank you.

Thank you for the  
wonderful + generous  
Christmas gift! It  
will allow us to do  
some things in the house  
that we've been putting  
off. It is such an honor  
+ pleasure to be part of


this family! Thank you  
for all your love + support!

 Patty  
B.



We've  
Got  
Mail



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Dear Glen Echo  
Christian Church-  
Thank you for the  
donation of winter  
hats, gloves + mittens.  
Our preschoolers  
and their families  
will be warmer and  
happier thanks to you!  
Crystal



# FEBRUARY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<b>2 Souper Bowl Sunday</b> 9:45 Choir 10:15 Worship 11:30 Coffee 3:00 Edencrest of Beaverdale	3	4	5 10:00 Pastoral Relations Committee 7:15 Choir Practice	6 2:00 Prayer	7 6:00 Valentine's Dinner at Felix & Oscar's	8
9 9:45 Choir 10:15 Worship 11:30 Coffee 11:30 Elders' Mtg. 5:00 Youth Group	10	11 7:00 Committee/Cabinet Meetings	12 7:15 Choir Practice	13 2:00 Prayer	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b>	15
16 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Choir 10:15 Worship 11:30 Coffee 5:00 Youth Group	17	18	19 7:15 Choir Practice	20 2:00 Prayer	21	22
23 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Choir 10:15 Worship 11:30 Coffee 5:00 Youth Group	24	25 <b>Shrove Tuesday</b> 6:00 Pancake Dinner	26 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	27 2:00 Prayer	28 10:00 Deacon Callers	

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## **SERVING SCHEDULE**

### February 2

**Worship Leader:** Brian  
**Elders:** Debbie, Carol  
**Diaconate:** Linda, Ashley  
Jim, Kathy

### February 16

**Worship Leader:** Volunteer Needed  
**Elder:** Rosemarie  
**Diaconate:** Mary, Carol  
Pam, Judy

### February 9

**Worship Leader:** David  
**Elder:** L. Louise  
**Diaconate:** Jim, Kathy  
Linda, Ashley

### February 23

**Worship Leader:** Kathleen  
**Elder:** Nancy  
**Diaconate:** Pam, Judy  
Mary, Carol

**Visiting Elder:** Carol

\*Elders, Deacons, the Choir, and the Worship Leader are asked to gather in the lounge at 10:10 AM.