

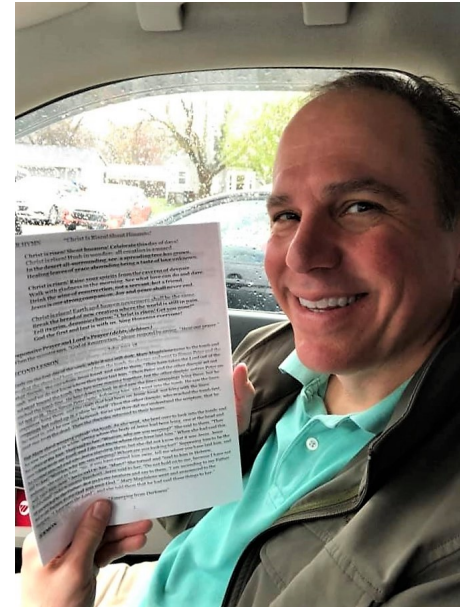


THE CHRISTIAN ECHO



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Each Sunday since Easter, 23-30 vehicles (many with multiple passengers) have gathered for our 10:15 AM Drive-In Church Services at Glen Echo (*top left*). Folks bring their own communion supplies (*center*) and bulletins that have been mailed, emailed, and uploaded to the church's website (*top right*). Participants park, tune their car radios to 87.9 FM, and safely worship God together.

Celebrating Christ outside of our church walls has widened our witness. At a recent gathering, one of the church's next door neighbors inquired about the FM channel on which we broadcast so that he could listen, too. (*Pictures by Kathy, Julie, and Pastor Dawn*)



MINISTER'S MOMENT



This message on the church sign greeted our family when we pulled into Glen Echo's parking lot on Sunday morning, May 10, 2015. Sandy's witty wording communicated a clear sense of welcome to these new Iowa residents. We thought that it was a good sign, in more ways than one. Time proved that it was an accurate assessment.

In the last five years, I have been amazed and grateful for the ways that God has guided the Glen Echo family of faith. We have lost some beloved members, and the Holy One has brought us new and treasured siblings in Christ. New and returning members have blessed us with their children and grandchildren, and teachers and leaders have come forward with creativity and enthusiasm to work with them. Building-related challenges have emerged, and the Spirit has moved in various ways to take care of them. (Through God's goodness and your generosity, 70% of the funds needed for the new air conditioner have been raised.)

The Covid-19 crisis has caused us to adapt the way that we worship, and the adaptation has allowed us to widen our welcome and witness for God. Friends and neighbors who have been hesitant to come into the building on Sunday mornings are not hesitant to listen to the services on their radios. This has led to other opportunities for ministry. A recent Sunday morning conversation with one of our neighbors provided an occasion to reach out later in the week by leaving children's books at their door.

God's goodness has been revealed because of who God is: Love. God's goodness will continue to be revealed as challenges emerge, because Divine Love is stronger than despair. We can look forward to the future with faith and hope because of the eternal nature of God.

I'm excited to see what the future will bring - with you.

So grateful to be on this journey with this family of faith,

Pastor Dawn

MAY PREACHING SCHEDULE

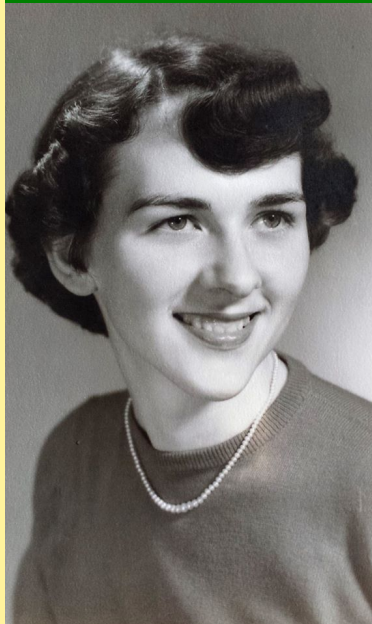
<u>DATE</u>	<u>FIRST LESSON</u>	<u>SECOND LESSON</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>
MAY 3	Psalm 23	John 10:1-10	"The Life-Giver"
MAY 10	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	"The Cornerstone"
MAY 17	Psalm 66:8-20	John 14:15-21	"The Advocate"
MAY 24	Acts 1:6-14	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	"The Anxiety-Catcher"
MAY 31	The Rev. Dr. Tim Diebel		

DRIVE-IN CHURCH THROUGH MAY 31st

We will continue to have Drive-In Church through the end of May, at least. At the end of the month, the Board will evaluate whether or not it is safe to return to the sanctuary. We are taking these steps to protect the health of our many beloved and physically vulnerable people.



MOTHER'S DAY COLLAGE



Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10th, and we will design a collage to honor these important women in our lives.

Please send a picture of your mother to the church by May 5th. There are several ways to send the picture: 1) Email a digital photograph of her to the church office; 2) Mail a printed picture of her through the U.S. Post Office; 5) Put her picture in a waterproof bag and place it in the offering tub at the end of Drive-In Worship on Sunday morning.

Pictures that are received by May 5th will be formed into a collage and included in the May 10th bulletin.

PATTY BELLUS APPRECIATION MONTH!

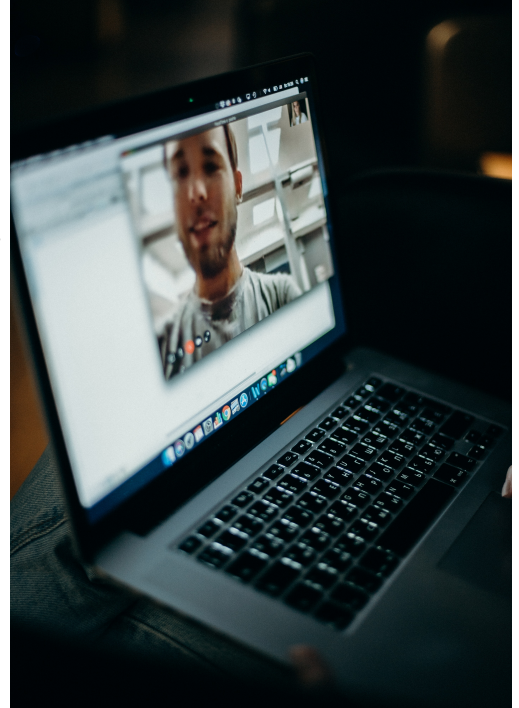
2020 marks the 20th year that the wonderful Patty has been a part of the music staff at Glen Echo. Ideally, her two-decades of love and service to God and this church would be acknowledged on Pentecost. As we are unable to give Patty a full reception at this time, please send notes and cards of appreciation to the church or to her home. Let's communicate our deep appreciation for her and her gifts.



ENCOURAGING ECHOES

For more than a month, between 8-10 people of all ages have participated in “Encouraging Echoes” on Wednesday nights at 7:30. These 30 minute Zoom video conference calls allow us to have mid-week fellowship. We laugh, share our joys and concerns, and talk about whatever is on our minds. We end with communion and the Lord’s Prayer.

If you would like to be part of these conversations, please contact Pastor Dawn by email and she will send you an invitation. On the night of the event, participants open the invitation, click on a link, and download a file. When the file downloads, folks connect to the video conference. Private phone tutorials regarding the technology are available upon request.



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!



If you have a child or a grandchild who is graduating from high school, college, a trade school, or a graduate program, please send the information to the church office no later than May 22nd. The graduates’ names and achievements will be acknowledged in the June 2020 issue of *The Christian Echo*.

VACATION PLANS & GUEST SPEAKER

Pastor Dawn will take a “stay-cation” Monday, May 25th, through Monday, June 1st. The Reverend Dr. Tim Diebel will be our Guest Speaker during Drive-In Church on Sunday, May 31st. Dr. Diebel was born and reared in west Texas, but he has been an Iowan since 1993. A parish pastor for 30 years, with degrees from Texas Christian University, Brite Divinity School and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Tim has now, “gone to ground” in a gardening classroom called “Taproot Garden.” More information about Taproot Garden can be found at www.taprootgarden.com.

SENSE OF VALUE

2/29/20 Balance	\$ 3,714.96
March Receipts	\$11,039.11
March Expenses	(10,037.23)
3/31/20 Balance	\$ 4,716.84

Thank you for your faithful and continued support of Glen Echo Christian Church.

Terri, Stewardship Chair

COOL-AID CAMPAIGN



PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathy
Ruth
Marlene
Mike

Disasters around the world, including COVID-19
Colleen's daughter

DeeAnn
Drake
Virginia
Eileen
Sandy
Marge
Marilyn
George
Candy
Danielle
Rammie
Donna
Nelda
Sue
Mary
Pat
Linda
Alyssa
Monica
Sally
Randy
Bill

The Polk County Board of Elections will use only municipal buildings for the June 2nd Election. Thus, there will not be a Bake Sale at Glen Echo that day.

Back in the day
In the merry old month of May
When we could romp and play
We now lament its suspension with dismay

Never fear, we will come out of our cocoon
But maybe not until June

Looking forward to summertime with you all
Temperature in the pews won't really matter,
We'll have a ball!

-- Joel

2020 PENTECOST OFFERING

Celebrating

1000

new churches...

and counting!



A special offering in support of the new church movement in your Region and across the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

SUNDAYS MAY 31 AND JUNE 7



Find a short video and other Pentecost Offering resources at disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/Pentecost



MAY 2020

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 10:15 Drive-In Church	4	5	6 7:30 PM Encouraging Echoes	7 2:00 Prayer	8	9
10 Mother's Day 10:15 Drive-In Church	11	12	13 7:30 PM Encouraging Echoes	14 2:00 Prayer	15	16
17 10:15 Drive-In Church	18	19	20 7:30 PM Encouraging Echoes	21 2:00 Prayer	22	23
24 10:15 Drive-In Church	25	26	27 7:30 PM Encouraging Echoes	28 2:00 Prayer	29	30
31 Pentecost Offering 10:15 Drive-in Church with Rev. Dr. Tim Diebel						

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SERVING SCHEDULE

May 3

Drive-In Church at Glen Echo
Christian Church's Parking Lot

May 10

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May 17

Drive-In Church at Glen Echo
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May 24

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May 31

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