



# THE CHRISTIAN ECHO



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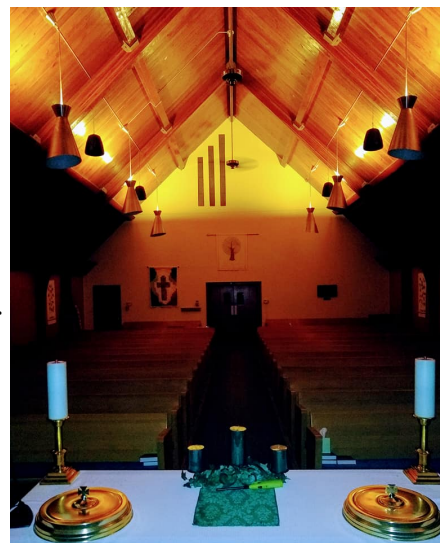


The Puppet Prophets invited the crowd to spread their wings and sing "If I Were a Butterfly" during the 2019 Beaverdale Parade. Thank you to all who designed, built, painted, drove, walked and rode in this year's parade. Special thanks are extended to Smith's Sewer Service, who provided the trailer and a sheltered place to assemble the float.

# MINISTER'S MOMENT

*“Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.” (Psalm 150:1, 6)*

I have a confession to make. I've fallen in love with the sanctuary of Glen Echo Christian Church. Don't tell David. I love the way that the Thursday afternoon light plays on the ceiling during Contemplative Prayer. I love its glow at night as I lock up the building after Les Youth Group. I love the brightly colored children's chairs in the front and the back of the room, which help me to remember the children's comments that they share on Sunday mornings. I love the choir chairs and the spirit of laughter that erupts during Choir Practice when Patty patiently encourages our erstwhile efforts to make joyful noises to the Lord. I love picking up my notes from the pulpit after worship services as I recall your faces and give God thanks for you. I love the signs of artistic creativity that emerge as the décor is enhanced to reflect the changes of the liturgical seasons.



Most importantly, I love the sanctuary because it's a place where I feel the Presence of the Living God. Whether it's Sunday morning or midweek, I sense an atmosphere of God's joy and wisdom, care and compassion, immanence and transcendence. The Presence of God that we invoke on Sunday mornings seems to be present long after the Sunday services end. Through God's Holy Spirit, we are connected to the Creator, to the Savior, and to one another -- wherever we are. For this, I continue to give God praise.

Singing hallelujahs with my voice and my heart,

*Pastor Dawn*

## OCTOBER PREACHING SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OLD TESTAMENT</u>	<u>NEW TESTAMENT</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>
<b>October 6</b>	<b>Psalm 133</b>	<b>Luke 22:14-30</b>	<b>World Communion Sunday</b>
<b>October 13</b>	<b>Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7</b>	<b>Luke 17:11-19</b>	<b>“Heart-felt Wholeness”</b>
<b>October 20</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 8:1-18</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 9:6-15</b>	<b>“Joyful Generosity”</b>
<b>October 27</b>	<b>Joel 2:23-32</b>	<b>Luke 18:9-14</b>	<b>“Grounded in God”</b>



## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday is October 6. We will share music and bread from around the world during the 10:15 worship service.

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

A warm welcome is extended to our new brothers and sisters who joined Glen Echo in August and September:

Jessica, Gabi, Bryson,  
Natalie, & Rylan

Pastor Charles

Mahayla

We are so glad that you are part of our family of faith!

## BLESSED are the crazy

breaking the silence about  
mental illness, family & church

Beginning in October, Brian will lead a Sunday morning book study of Sarah Griffith Lund's *Blessed Are the Crazy*. Please add your name to the sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to participate in the class.

## HUNGER HIKE



The Des Moines Area Hunger Hike is 1:30 Sunday afternoon, October 13. A carpool will leave from Glen Echo at 12:45 to drive to the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates, which is where the hike begins. Please sign up if you plan to walk in the Hunger Hike. The Outreach Committee will collect contributions soon if you prefer to participate in the hike with a financial donation.

## Around



## the Church

## COOL-AID CAMPAIGN



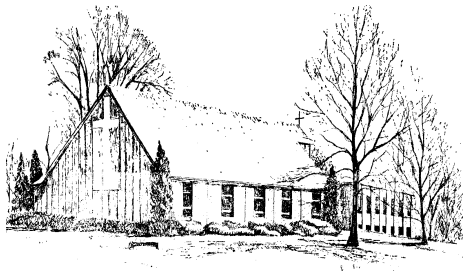
\$6,011.00 has been collected so far for the Cool-Aid Campaign.

## A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee would like to thank Jim and John for their help in installing a new roof on the lawnmower shed. Your help was greatly appreciated.

## MEYER HALL

The Outreach Committee and friends are scheduled to visit the teens at Meyer Hall on Friday night, October 25. A carpool will leave from Glen Echo at 6:00. Participants are welcome to carpool or meet the group at the facility at approximately 6:15. Snacks (that don't contain nuts) are needed for the teens. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.



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*The Reverend Dawn Ingram, Settled Pastor*

October 1, 2019

Dear Glen Echo Family,

It is hard to believe it is already that time of the year when Glen Echo Christian Church begins preparing the budget for 2020. I know many of you have heard me say, "Expenses such as utilities and insurance continue to rise, and income is needed to meet these expenses." This year will be no different, but it is with tremendous support and faith that Glen Echo has been able to meet its financial needs through the practice of continued good stewardship.

On October 20th and October 27th, we will have the opportunity to let God know that we are grateful for the gifts we are able to give as you present your pledge card on one of the two Pledge Sundays. I hope you will prayerfully consider increasing your pledge. I would like to share with you the following offering invitation from the book, *Touch Holiness*, for your consideration:

"God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, and in the never ending gift of the Holy Spirit! God has abundantly blessed us and called us to be a community that blesses others through sharing of our love, our talents, and our material possessions. Let us rejoice now in what we have been given and in what is ours to give."

I thank each and every one of you for all that you do for Glen Echo Christian Church.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Terri  
Stewardship Chair

2020 Pledges will be presented during worship on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

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**Commitment Card for the 2020 Program and Budget**

Having carefully and prayerfully considered the program and budget for the year 2020,  
I/we plan to give a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_. This will be given on:

- a) Weekly basis of \$\_\_\_\_\_ each week.
- b) Monthly basis of \$\_\_\_\_\_ each month
- c) Other basis of \$\_\_\_\_\_ each \_\_\_\_\_.

Please indicate if you would like pledge envelopes\_\_\_\_\_

It is understood that if this commitment must change during the year, the Financial Secretary should be informed.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

# LES YOUTH GROUP

OCTOBER SCHEDULE	OCTOBER 6	OCTOBER 13	OCTOBER 20	OCTOBER 27
SUPPER	Jessica	HPCC	Kathleen & Brian	HPCC
CHECK-IN QUESTION	Jan	Heather	Dawn	Toni
DIRECTIONS	Julie	Julie	Julie	Julie
ACTIVITY	Worship: Puppets	Worship: Puppets	Worship: Puppets	Worship: Puppets
PRAYER	Jan	Heather	Dawn	Toni

## SENSE OF VALUE

This is the balance for the  
General Fund for August 2019:

7/31/18 Balance	\$ 692.43
Receipts	8,467.07
Expenses	9,661.57
Transfers	1,235.29
8/31/19 Balance	\$ 733.22

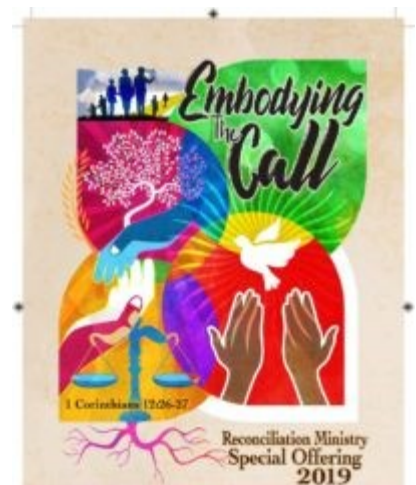
**We are in the process of putting together the budget for next year. Committee Chairs, please give your 2020 budget requests to Terri by October 6.**

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 1	59
September 8	52
September 15	67
September 22	67
September 29	TBA

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Ben	Sandy
Kathy	Janet
Diane	Ione
Ruth	Suzie
Jim	Max
Steve	Mary
Marlene	Keith
Deborah	Ruth
Neta	Cathy
Jim	Lily
Chris	Molly
Lynette	Jim
David	Arianne
Tom	Randy
Julie	Dorothy Rose
Jordan	Bill
Michael	Gene
George	Pam
Donna	Mary
Nelda	Vasey
Charles	Debbie



The Reconciliation Offering  
will be received  
September 29 & October 6.

# OCTOBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 7:15 Choir Practice	3 2:00 Prayer	4	5
<b>6 World Communion Sun.</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:30 Coffee 3:00 Edencrest 5:00 Les Youth Group	7	8 7:00 Committee & Cabinet Meetings	9 7:15 Choir Practice	10 2:00 Prayer	11	12
<b>13</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Choir 10:15 Worship 11:30 Coffee 1:30 Hunger Hike 5:00 Les Youth Group	14	15	16 7:15 Choir Practice	17 2:00 Prayer	18	19
<b>20 First Pledge Sunday</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Choir 10:15 Worship 11:30 Coffee 5:00 Les Youth Group	21	22	23 7:15 Choir Practice	24 2:00 Prayer 7:00 Elders Meeting	25 10:00 Deacon Callers 6 PM Carpool to Meyer Hall	26
<b>27 Second Pledge Sunday</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Choir 10:15 Worship 11:30 Coffee 5:00 Les Youth Group	28	29	30 7:15 Choir Practice	31 2:00 Prayer	<b>SAVE THE DATE &amp; START YOUR OVENS!</b>  <b>We will have an Election Day Bake Sale at Glen Echo on Tuesday, November 5!</b>	

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## **SERVING SCHEDULE**

### October 6

**Worship Leader:** Kathleen

**Elders:** Deb, Carol

**Diaconate:** Kathy, Julie  
Juanita, Mark

### October 20

**Worship Leader:** David

**Elders:** Sandy, David

**Diaconate:** Jim, Ashley  
John, Kathy

**Visiting Elders:** Deb, Lori

### October 13

**Worship Leader:** Kathleen

**Elders:** Deb, Lori

**Diaconate:** Juanita, Mark  
Jim, Ashley

### October 27

**Worship Leader:** Rosemarie

**Elders:** Kathleen, Deb

**Diaconate:** John, Kathy  
Debbie, Linda

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