



THE CHRISTIAN ECHO



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The Choir sang, the Puppet Prophets played, and the flower cross greeted worshipers by the door of the church. The empty shroud floated above the sanctuary as the Easter greeting resounded, "Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!"



MINISTER'S MOMENT

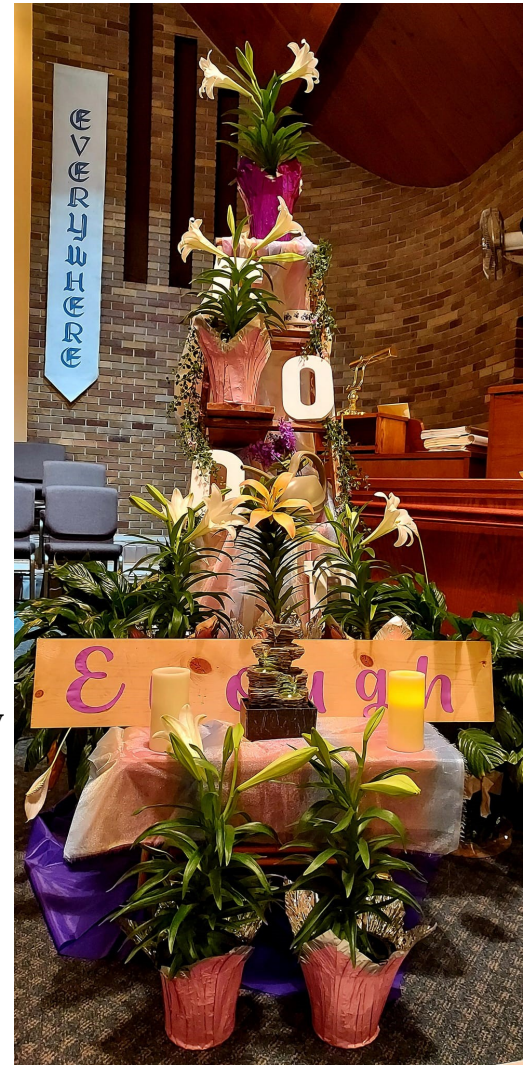
God's ability to renew life and hope were on full display in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. After two years of spending Easter morning in the church's parking lot, we were able to sit in the pews and celebrate Christ's resurrection. The Choir enjoyed singing, the puppets were amazing, and the faces of beloved people were wreathed in smiles. I am so grateful that we can once again gather as a community and proclaim that Jesus is ALIVE — and death does not have the final word.

I see other signs of Christ's resurrection at Glen Echo. The midweek Lenten book studies whetted the appetites of the participants to continue the practice, and another book or Bible Study will commence in the fall. Coffee Fellowship has resumed, and the monthly Good Fellowship Suppers at local restaurants will begin again on May 27th (see page 3). The Outreach Committee is working with River Valley Disciples to find new ways to connect with our neighbors and serve our city (see page 4). Thank you notes from people who have been touched by your generosity indicate that God's love shines through you (see page 5).

I, too, have seen God's love shine through you. Your faithfulness in the face of potentially debilitating circumstances is inspiring. On May 10th, I start my eighth year as your Settled Pastor, and I'm still excited about seeing where God will lead us.

Blessed to be on the journey with you,

Pastor Dawn



MAY PREACHING SCHEDULE

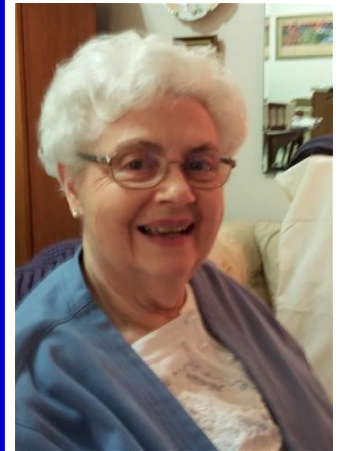
DATE	SCRIPTURE LESSONS	SERMON TITLES
MAY 1	Psalm 30:1-5; Galatians 3:26-28	"The Promises of Baptism"
MAY 8	Psalm 23; Acts 9:36-43	"Joy in Joppa"
MAY 15	Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6	"New Things"
MAY 22	Psalm 67; Acts 16:9-15	"Acting Right"
MAY 29	Psalm 97; Acts 16:16-34	"Internal & External Freedom"

being together



Good Fellowship Suppers

are resuming! Sign up to come to the May 27th get together at Felix and Oscar's at 6 PM. If you'd like to participate and finances are a concern, talk with Pastor Dawn.



Memorial Service for Marlene Darby

The memorial service for Marlene Darby will be held at Glen Echo on Saturday afternoon, May 7th, at 1:00. We will sing Marlene's favorite hymns, and Cyndy has invited Marlene's friends to share their memories of Marlene during the service. A finger-food reception will occur afterward in the Fellowship Hall.

GRADUATES

If you have a child, grandchild or another relative who is graduating this spring from high school, college, a trade school, or a graduate program, please send the information to the church office.

ENCOURAGING ECHOES

Encouraging Echoes will meet once again on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 beginning May 4th. Look for the Zoom invitation that will arrive in your inbox soon!

CHOIR NEWS

Patty plans for the Choir to sing again on Pentecost, which is June 5th. Rehearsals will be Tuesday evenings, May 24th & May 31st, at 7:00. All ages and experience levels are welcome!

Outreach

Glen Echo & River Valley Disciples



1 CATHOLIC WORKER HOUSE

Glen Echo and River Valley Disciples will cook supper at Glen Echo for the Catholic Worker House Emergency Shelter on Sunday, May 1st, at 2:30. Approximately 6-8 dozen cookies are needed for dessert. If you can make or donate 1-2 dozen cookies, please speak with Joan and bring them to church on May 1st.

2 MEYER HALL

Joan contacted the facilitators at Meyer Hall and inquired about the current needs at the facility. Toiletries were requested, and the Outreach Team is collecting one item per month from the congregation. Toothpaste is the focus for May. They hope to take ice cream sundae fixings to the teens in the summer.

3 TRUNK OR TREAT

To increase our connections with our neighbors, we will hold a "Trunk or Treat" in the church parking lot on Sunday, October 30th, at 3:00 PM. Church members are invited to wear costumes and distribute candy from the decorated trunks of their cars. Stay tuned for more details.

4 ADVENT WORKSHOP

We hope to have an Advent Workshop for all ages at Glen Echo prior to Christmas. The purpose of this event is to celebrate the season and provide an opportunity for us to get to know our neighbors. Please talk with Rosemarie if you would like to help coordinate the workshop.

HUNGER HIKE

After 52 years, the Board of the Des Moines Area Hunger Hike has decided to conclude its ministry. The decision was made because of decreased participation in the hike and increased ease in giving directly to local agencies. They are grateful for our past support.



Patty's Plans

You may know by now that our beloved accompanist, Patty, will be moving to South Carolina this summer to live near her mother and other family members. Patty sent the letter below to the Church Board on April 3rd:

Dear Friends,

It is with deep sadness that I give my resignation to you. Since Ben's death, I have been considering where to retire; but when I was laid off from Meredith, I decided to move forward with my plans. Last week, my house sold without even being on the market. I will be moving to an apartment here in Des Moines in early May to finish a few commitments that I have here. I don't have a firm date yet for moving to South Carolina, but it will likely be in July or August.

I'm hopeful that you can find a new organist quickly and I will happily help that person as much as possible. I do ask that you don't plan a party or any recognition as this is already extremely difficult for me.

I love you and I wish this church family well! But I am also excited to move back to South Carolina, to Mom and other family members.

Patty

We will miss Patty very much, and we hope that she is happy as she returns to her home state.

(The Personnel Committee and Pastor Dawn have met and written a job description that is being circulated among musicians in this area, which informs them of the open position.)

<p>The time you've given, the hearts you've touched, the lives you've blessed — these are true gifts from God.</p> <p>Thank you for sharing His love.</p> <p>This was a precious and unexpected gift. Growing up at Glen Echo is a gift in itself. The love of the congregation made me the person I am. John and I thank you.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Jill</i></p>	<p><i>Dear Pastor Ingram and Glen Echo Congregation,</i></p> <p><i>Your loving kindness to our sister, Karen, fills us with joy, knowing that she attends such a very special church.</i></p> <p><i>Happy Easter to you all!</i></p> <p><i>With gratitude and joy,</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Karen's Family</i></p>	<p>Dear Church Family,</p> <p>Thank you for the cards, calls, and words of compassion that you shared with me when my father died. Your kindness was very evident, and I am grateful for the grace that you displayed.</p> <p>May God continue to bless you as fulsomely as you bless others.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yours in Christ, <i>Pastor Dawn</i></p>
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SENSE OF VALUE

The March 2022 Financial Report is below.

Beginning Balance	\$58,251.72
Receipts	\$ 5,684.50
Expenses	\$11,629.76
Ending Balance	\$52,321.46

Terri, Treasurer

Julie was one of eight people who had fun in the sun on Spring Clean-Up day, April 9th.

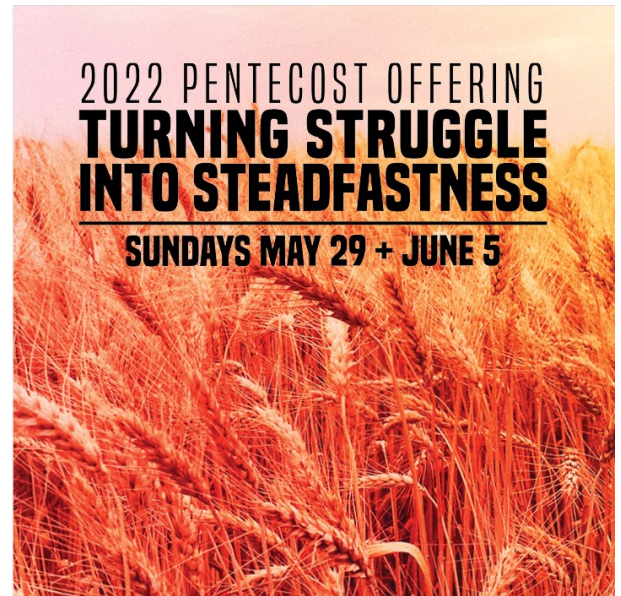
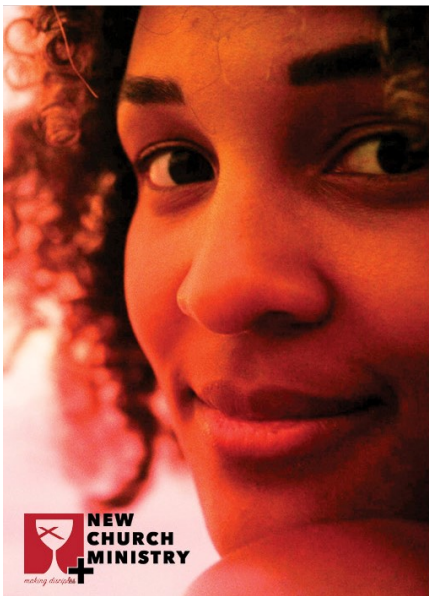


PRAYER REQUESTS

Barbara
 Tammy
 Jeanine
 Chris
 Fletch
 Mandy
 Donald
 Lisa
 Porter Family
 Shawn
 Laura
 Brenda
 Craig
 Tyler
 Marissa
 Carol
 Aurica
 Ukrainian people
 Donna

ATTENDANCE

	In-Person	Online	Total
April 3	36	30	66
April 10	34	20	54
April 17	43	25	68
April 24	TBA		



MAY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 10:15 Worship After church: Property Committee Meeting 2:30 Cooking for Catholic Workers House	2	3	4	5 2:00 Prayer	6	7 1:00 Marlene Darby's Memorial Service
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12 2:00 Prayer	13	14
10:15 Worship		7:00 Board Meeting	7:30 Encouraging Echoes			
15	16	17	18	19 2:00 Prayer	20	21
10:15 Worship			7:30 Encouraging Echoes	7:00 GECC & RVD Core Group Meeting		
22	23	24	25	26 2:00 Prayer	27	28
10:15 Worship		7 PM Choir Practice	7:30 Encouraging Echoes		10:00 Deacon Callers	
					6:00 Good Fellowship Supper @ Felix & Oscars	
29	30	31				
10:15 Worship After Church: Elders' Meeting		7 PM Choir Practice				

Pastor Dawn will be on vacation until Tuesday, May 3rd. Our Regional Minister, The Reverend Joshua Patty, will be the Guest Speaker at Glen Echo on Sunday, May 1st.

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MAY 2022 SERVING SCHEDULE

May 1

Worship Leader: Rosemarie

Elder: Julie

Deacon: Kathy

May 8

Worship Leader: TBA

Elder: Shirley

Deacon: Pam

May 15

Worship Leader: Julie

Elder: Kathleen

Deacon: Mary

May 22

Worship Leader: TBA

Elder: Rosemarie

Deacon: Julie

May 29

Worship Leader: Rosemarie

Elder: Shirley

Deacon: Jean