



The Challenger

Glyndon United Methodist Church

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Unending open Circle...

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.

Let this be our song: no one stands alone.

Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide."

(Song written by Gordon Light)

I am not sure if it's just my tendency or if people generally feel the same way, but I feel more comfortable and stable when I see something perfect or when something is completed. For example, when I finish an assignment on time, I feel satisfied and relieved. I feel comfortable seeing things completed in some way.



However, strangely, the incomplete circle or unending circle, the incomplete size of a circle, gives me so much freedom to feel the Holy Spirit working within us, offering unlimited possibilities and capacity to create a bigger and wider circle. The beauty of this incomplete circle allows me to glimpse the hope that we can embrace one another and grow together. So, it's okay if things are not perfect; rather, we don't have to be complete but can remain incomplete and open in order to expand wider and grow more. It's because we don't know how big and wide the circle can become...

While we continue seeking the completion of a perfect circle, the beautiful perfect figure, let us remain open for a while until God completes God's masterpiece in God's due time! The One who starts His holy work will finish what He began.

Until we see the face of our Lord Jesus face to face, let us continue growing and transforming, making space for the Spirit to work in us, through us, and within us!

Let's draw an unending circle, open circle wide!

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:6)

Blessings,
Dong Eun Lee



Announcements/Events

Monthly Men's Breakfast:

Please join the men of GUMC at their monthly Men's Breakfast on **Saturday, April 6th** at 8:00 a.m. in Dew Hall. This event is an opportunity for a hearty breakfast, fellowship and a time of devotions. All men are welcome!

First Sunday Fellowship:

Plan to join your GUMC friends for refreshments and fellowship on **April 7th and May 5th** following the service in Dew Hall. Other than the church picnic in June, these will be your last opportunities to visit with other members before summer starts!

Randy Roberts Memorial Scholarship of GUMC:

It's that time of year again! If you are looking to further your education and could use some financial assistance (or you know someone else who could), we welcome you to apply for our church scholarship! **Applications are due by Monday, April 15th.** Details are on the first page of the application. The application is attached to this email and printed copies of the application are available on the table across from the church office. We also welcome the congregation to make donations to the Scholarship Fund so we can do our best by the applicants. Please make checks out to Glyndon UMC with "scholarship" noted in the memo line or field. Your support is greatly appreciated!

GUMC Spring Yard Sale: This event will be held on **Saturday, May 11th** from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Glyndon Church. To demonstrate that Glyndon UMC and Glyndon Christian School are active parts of the wider Glyndon community, GUMC's Yard Sale will take place on the same date as the Glyndon Community Yard Sale and the Glyndon Volunteer Fire Department Yard Sale. **If you are interested in having a table at the GUMC Yard Sale, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the table in the lobby to let us know you are interested.** There will be no fee for a table at our yard sale. However, we encourage sellers to make a modest donation to Glyndon Church based on the proceeds they take in during the sale. More details will follow. In the meantime, **get that box of yard sale treasures filling up!**

Announcements/Events continued

3rd Annual Glyndon UMC Flower and Plant Sale:

Our annual Spring Flower and Plant Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 25th** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the GUMC church yard. The flower sale will feature hanging baskets and planters, annual flowers and herbs, and a selection of perennial flowers, as well. Proceeds from this event support the programs of Glyndon Church.

3rd Annual Glyndon UMC Ice Cream Social:

Our 3rd Annual Ice Cream Social will be held on **Saturday, June 22nd** from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please invite your friends and neighbors and join other church members in celebrating the start of summer by enjoying an ice cream sundae! If the weather is good, this event will be held outdoors. If it is raining, the event will be moved indoors. This will be a **free** event. Please join us...and bring your friends!

Pickleball:

If getting more exercise is one of your goals, please consider joining GUMC and Glyndon community members to play Pickleball on Wednesday evenings from 5:15 to 8:00 p.m. No experience is needed to get started and people of all ages are welcome.

Office Hours: Clarice is in the office on Mondays from 11:00 a - 1:00 p and Thursdays from 1:30p - 3:30p.

GLYNDON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

art show
under the sea



\$5 ADULTS

\$3 CHILDREN

ARTISTS FREE

raffles and
silent auction

5:00-7:00

4/25 TWOS & THREES

4/26 FOURS & K

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Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6 8a Men's Breakfast
7 9a Choir Practice 10a Worship— Hymn Sing 11a First Sunday Fellowship	8 7p Finance	9 7p Kiwanis	10 5:15p Pickleball	11	12	13
14 9a Choir Practice 10a Worship - Communion 11:15a Women's Lunch	15 Scholarship Applications Due 7p Trustees	16	17 9:15 am Chapel 5:15p Pickleball	18 6 p Vintage Chevrolet Club	19	20
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