



The Challenger

Glyndon United Methodist Church

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In-Yeon

As I found myself unable to start even a single sentence of my last article for Challenger, I closed my laptop, closed my eyes, and tried to recall the days, moments, smells varying by season and weather, sounds, atmosphere, people, individuals of my congregation, their voices, and facial expressions... Complex feelings and emotions came together. Then, suddenly, I became curious about how we met and how we have formed this special relationship as a pastor and congregation.

"In Korean, the word '*인연*' (pronounced 'in-yeon') refers to a profound connection or bond between people. It originates from Buddhist beliefs about the interconnectedness of all things, where actions in past lives affect relationships in the present. However, in a broader sense, it can simply mean a significant or destined relationship. You might think of it as a special bond that brings people together in meaningful ways, often beyond mere coincidence. It's like saying some relationships or encounters are meant to be, woven into the fabric of our lives for a purpose."

There is also a Korean proverb that says, 'Even a brush is a connection.' However, we met not just by brushing past each other, but by sharing our faith together. This is not a coincidence, but a 'meant to be' with a purpose God has intended for us.

I am not talking about Buddhism or a certain philosophy; rather, I strongly believe that there is a purpose that God has planned for us to meet in this way, to have this special relationship!

I believe it's not just happened; it's meant to be. Through this 'In-Yeon,' God wants us to be a family in Christ. God wants us to grow together by learning from each other, how to love those who are different from me.

I have learned unshaken joy throughout this journey with you. I have learned unwavering faith throughout this journey with you. I have learned resilient peace throughout this journey with you. And I have learned nevertheless love throughout this journey with you.

I hope and pray that you have had joyful moments with me, shared faith experiences, peaceful moments amid challenging seasons, and felt love from each other's presence. Our relationship was not by chance. It was a precious connection, In-Yeon, planned by God.

Our relationship as pastor and congregation ends here, but I pray that we continue as sisters and brothers in Christ, supporting and praying for each other. Thank you, my Glyndon congregation! Love you in Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 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 1:3-6)



Blessings and love,
Pastor Dong Eun Lee

We, as the United Methodist Church, respect and follow our policy.

¶4015. Returning to a Previous Appointment

1. As of the effective date of a new appointment, a pastor shall immediately cease all pastoral counseling and pastoral visitation with members or member families in the previous appointment. Since appointments are generally announced several weeks in advance, each pastor has adequate time in which to effect closure and make appropriate referral to another for the pastoral care of members.
2. Pastors shall have a clear understanding with former congregations that they will not return to officiate at baptisms, weddings and funerals, or do pastoral counseling or pastoral visitation in that parish. Pastors, active or retired, shall respectfully decline to participate in such duties when invited by members of a former congregation. Declining all such invitations is the responsibility of the previous pastor. The present pastor, at his or her discretion, may invite the previous pastor to return for pastoral functions. However, the present pastor should never be under any pressure to invite the previous pastor. This policy is ongoing and doesn't have an expiration date.
3. Several weeks prior to concluding a pastoral appointment, a pastor shall inform all members of the church of this policy by printing sections one and two verbatim in either a pastoral letter to be sent to each member or a church newsletter to be sent to each member and encourage them to support the policy by their prayers and actions.

Announcements/Events

GUMC's New Lift is Working!

We are very glad to say that we have a wonderful new lift in the lobby that will allow members and visitors with mobility issues to access Dew Hall. The lift will allow these people to participate in more of the events and programming that our church has to offer. If you need to use the lift in order to access Dew Hall, Chuck Bradley, Bobby Talbert, John Leitzel, or any member of the Church Trustees can assist you in learning how to use it properly. Please keep in mind that this very expensive upgrade to our church's facilities is not a toy and should not be used by people who don't have a legitimate need to use it.

Music Sunday & Teacher Appreciation Sunday will be **Sunday, June 2** at 10:00 a.m. - Don't miss this chance to say "**Thank you!**"

First Sunday Fellowship Update:

Hello GUMC Family - First Sunday Fellowship dates for the summer season have been posted. We are seeking volunteers for the following dates:

- Sunday, June 2nd will follow our Music Sunday and Teacher Appreciation service. Let's celebrate!
- Sunday, July 7th will be a great opportunity to meet and welcome our new Pastor.
- Sunday, August 4th is our third summer season Fellowship date.

Church Picnic: Our June picnic and farewell for Pastor Dong Eun Lee on Sunday, June 9th is fast approaching. Everyone is invited to gather in Dew Hall immediately after worship service, to enjoy a cook-out lunch and extend our appreciation and warm farewell to our dear Pastor.

The Congregation is urged to respond to the RSVP form emailed to everyone, to attend to the food donation sign-up, and to the other special goodbye plans provided in previous communications. This is GUMC's main opportunity to express the total church's thank you along with your personal expressions of farewell to Pastor Dong Eun.

Come everyone! We want to give our Pastor a warm send-off as she prepares for her new appointment to the Mays Chapel Cooperative Parish.

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!

Visitation List

Reach out and share God’s love through a card, call or visit.

Dottie Meekins

Acts Fairhaven
Health Care Room 109
7200 Third Avenue
Sykesville MD 21784
443-609-0048

Jackie Meixner

FutureCare Cherrywood
12020 Reisterstown Road
Reisterstown MD 21136
410-517-6530

June Pearce

410-804-6646

Joan S. Poling

Sunrise Senior Living
3800 Old Court Road, Room 232
Pikesville MD 21208
410-415-0245

Dora Sabo

Carroll Lutheran Village
Health Care Center, Room 401
200 St Luke Circle
Westminster MD 21158

Challengers are mailed to these members each month.

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Stay Connected

What’s up at Glyndon UMC? Our Mission is to: “Love. Pray. Serve.”

We offer several ways to keep you connected to learn about upcoming worship, fellowship, and service ministries as well as special events for all ages. We encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor to join you. Here’s some op-



- Worship with us on Sundays and read the bulletin insert with a calendar of activities for the week.
- Check out our church website: glyndonumchurch.org .
- Sign up for our church-wide email and receive Friday News & Highlights every week.
- If you sign up for emails, you will also receive our newsletter, The Challenger, the first of each month. It’s chock full of information on the month ahead plus “save-the-date” info on future events, new worship series, fellowship activities and service opportunities.
- Follow us on Facebook and hear about what’s coming up and check out the pictures of our church family in action.
- Check the bulletin boards on the church lobby and along the hallways to Dew Hall for flyers on church an community events, y outh activities, and sign-up sheets.

There is something for everyone—all ages, singles, couples, and families.

Consider deepening your participation by joining one of our volunteer planning committees or leadership teams. Jan Bradley or our committee chairs can provide details to help you find a slot that matches your interests and to select something that will utilize your personal gifts for a more enjoyable experience.

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Sat

						<p>1 8a Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>2 10a Worship— Communion Music Sunday & Teacher Appr. 11a First Sunday Fellowship 11:15a Steering C.</p>	<p>3 7p Missions</p>	<p>4 7p Kiwanis</p>	<p>5 5:15p Pickleball</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 10a Worship 11 a Church Picnic</p>	<p>10 7p Trustees</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 5:15p Pickleball</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 10a Worship</p>	<p>17 Camp GCS - STEAM 7p Finance</p>	<p>18 Camp GCS - STEAM</p>	<p>19 Camp GCS - STEAM 5:15p Pickleball 7p Kiwanis</p>	<p>20 Camp GCS - STEAM</p>	<p>21 Camp GCS - STEAM</p>	<p>22 2-4p Ice Cream Social</p>
<p>23 10a Worship</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 5:15p Pickleball</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 10a Worship— Hymn Sing</p>						