

25th Anniversary Celebration



September 12, 2010

Original Statement of Mission

We believe the church is to be the body of Christ in the world.

We believe God calls us together into one body to minister in Jesus' name, guided by the Holy Spirit. We, the Glendale United Methodist Church, recognize the needs of people: to meet together to worship God in an open environment; to educate children and adults in their relationship with God and others; to meet the needs of our members; to welcome new people, and; to reach out to help fill the needs of people in our community and world.

Glendale United Methodist Church
Steering Committee (1985)

Current Statement of Mission:

to help those seeking a balanced and sustainable life by exploring life's questions, offering community support and sharing our belief in a God who loves you no matter what.

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Glendale United Methodist Church 25 Years of Ministry

- 1981** Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church purchases 12.5 acres of land for a new church start in Savage.
- 1984** Census taken by volunteer team from a number of UM churches and it was determined that out of 1000 households, approximately 120 families were identified as interested.
- 1984** First worship service held in September at MW Savage Elementary School
- 1985** 225 people attend the chartering service at MW Savage Elementary School and 69 people are received into membership as charter members
- 1986** Groundbreaking of 1st phase large multi-purpose room for worship, education, administrative, and narthex area
- 1987** Lower level leased for a District 191 Project Kids location
- 2000** 15 year celebration and groundbreaking for sanctuary and expanded education and Glendale Child Care Center space.
- 2001** First worship service in new sanctuary and new education space and lower level remodeling for Glendale Child Care Center
- 2005** 20 year anniversary celebrated for Glendale Child Care Center
- 2008** Lower level lease granted to Russian Language School for Saturday programming to 60 students.
- 2009** Lower level lease granted to Berry Patch School for preschool program starting Fall 2010
- 2010** 25th Anniversary of Glendale United Methodist Church's ministry.

Glendale 25th Anniversary Program

Sunday, September 12, 2010

Welcome & Opening Prayer	Bob Scarborough
Recognition & Thanks	Bob Scarborough
Reflections on Glendale	Pastor Wayne Walther Pastor Lynda Ellis Pastor David Taylor
Memories on 25 Years	Charter Members & Glendale Community
Ending Comments & Thanks	Bob Scarborough
Benediction & Blessing	Pastor David Taylor

Join us for Anniversary Cake & Fellowship following the program



Thanks to the following ministries who planned and coordinated this special day

25th Anniversary Celebration Team

Fellowship Committee

Worship Committee Trustees Committee

Praise Band, Glendale Choir, Women's Chorus
under the direction of Hyun Chung Ji (Jung)

Glendale United Methodist Church

History of Pastoral Staff 1984 - 2010

Rev. David Taylor (Glendale UMC 2005-present)

Dave came to Glendale during a time of great change and administrative challenges. He has developed strong lay leadership and has offered classes in Christianity for the wider community. He led us through the closing of Glendale Child Care Center, and helped us redirect our community outreach into other valuable programs, such as Glendale Community Gardens, the Tent of Hope, and Fare for All. Pastor Dave took on a two-point charge in 2009, and shepherded a merging of Calvary UMC-Shakopee with Glendale UMC in June 2010. His wife, Barb, has been actively engaged in our Missions programming, providing leadership for Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and Women's Studies, starting our Fair Trade Coffee program, and coordinating our 10,000 Villages Market.

Rev. Bruce Kronen (Glendale UMC 2002-2005)

Bruce came to Glendale after the completion of our sanctuary. He attracted dynamic youth leaders to our church, Anibel and Becky Velarde, and started a Saturday evening Praise Service. Bruce's ministry to families in crisis brought great comfort, and he was instrumental in the salvation of people both inside and outside of our faith community. He and his wife, Susan, participated in the first Dinner for Eight groups.

Rev. Jim Beard, Seminary Intern (Glendale UMC 1998-2000)

Jim was recruited as a Seminary student to help Pastor Lynda during a period of congregational growth. He provided creative worship, led Soul Journeys along with Glenn Pickering, started our Walking By Faith program for older elementary youth, and provided leadership for our Jr. and Sr. High Youth programs. His wife, Janet provided liturgical dance for worship.

Rev. Lynda Ellis (Glendale UMC 1992-2002)

Lynda's task was nurturing our leaders, building community, and further developing our programming. She introduced Unidos en Cristo (formerly Cursillo) to our community and led mission trips to Puerto Rico. The sanctuary of our church, plus additional education rooms, were added under her leadership and brought in under budget and on-time by Jodi Kavinsky, a parishioner. Lynda's husband, Rick, cooked many wonderful meals for our congregation and timed her sermons ☺ .

Rev. Wayne L. Walther (Glendale UMC 1984-1992)

Wayne was our founding pastor, assigned to start a new church in Savage in 1984. Wayne and his wife, Susan, were active in welcoming new people into the community, hosting many get-togethers in their home. The first phase of our building was completed during Wayne's tenure. He had a strong commitment to serving children, providing leadership in opening Glendale Child Care Center and in building a strong camping ministry.