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Sunday Worship Opportunities at Gary

9 a.m. Worship Service

Kids' Church begins following Children's Time, Preschool 3's-Grade 3

10 *a.m.* Sunday School for children, youth, and adults

11 a.m. Worship Service

Childcare is available for newborn-2 yrs., 8:45 a.m.-12 p.m.



Submissions for the October *Chimes* newsletter are due by September 15. Announcements for the Sunday bulletin and weekly enews are due each Tuesday at noon. Send all submissions to office@garychurch.org.

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One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.

Psalm 145:4

A Song of Praise

by Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson

Earlier this spring, the Gary Church staff gathered at the Tau Center in Wheaton for our annual planning retreat. Going off-site helped break us out of our routines and put us in a sacred place where we were more receptive to God leading us on new paths. For two days we dreamed, reflected, prayed, and spent time in silence as we contemplated where God is leading us as a church and how God is moving among us. This time spent together before God helped to shape our theme for the coming year, "Sharing the Story."

Psalm 145 captures perfectly the spirit or essence of this year's theme. The writer of the 145th Psalm was overwhelmed by a desire to exalt God and bless God's name forever and ever by sharing the story of the goodness of God and God's mighty acts. He wrote, "Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever." In Hebrew, this poetic psalm is an alphabetical acrostic which reveals the great care and intentionality that went into the psalmist's thoughts as he contemplated the majesty of God. His deep love for God is seen in each line that reveals something of the character of God; a God who is exalted and yet is also near to all who call on God, a God who is mighty and yet supports all who stumble.

In creating this inspired psalm, the writer is sharing the story of God who is known or revealed through God's mighty acts. Sharing the story is a form of praise. It is also what we are called to do. Each of us has unique gifts that enable us to share the story of ways that we have experienced God moving and acting in our lives individually and within our church community. I invite you to read this text and to meditate upon it throughout this year. I invite you to reflect upon how God has been and is working in your life not only in good times but in times of great challenge and difficulty. Fredrick Buechner writes, "Listen to your Life! See it for the fathomless mystery it is...in the last analysis, all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace." Yet we must also, as Parker Palmer said, "Let your Life Speak." As we reflect on what God has done and is doing in our lives, and as we share the story through word, through song, through giving, and through service, we are a part of this sacred story.

During this year we will mark key moments in our common life and give testimony to God in our lives. We will share stories of love and grace that connect us to something larger and more mysterious than we can ever fully know. As we look back, as we look in, and as we look forward together, we share the story. May our mouths and our lives speak in praise of the LORD and every living thing bless God's holy name forever and ever.

Christophen L. Piercon



Our Part in the Story: Gary Gardeners

by Kim Austin

It was May 9, 1989 and Gary Church was the site of the funeral for Bishop Paul Washburn, who worshipped at Gary in his retirement. As Bishop Washburn had served the United Methodist Church for many years in numerous roles, you can image that this was a big funeral, with pews full of guests. Outside of the church, Gary members Virginia and Bob Isgren and Allen Reed took in the unmowed, weedy lawn grounds that contained none of the flowers, shrubs, benches, planters that we know today.



"It was just a big mess," says Virginia. And in that moment, Gary Gardeners was born.

They saw a need and they made it happen. Allen, a horticulturist who has been a Gary member since 1972, was the go-to guy for planning the gardens. Bob and Virginia—who was baptized, confirmed and

married to Bob at Gary in 1964—ordered the plants and supplies and organized their dedicated volunteers—a group of over 40 people they could call on for help, most of whom still worship weekly at Gary. To fund the projects, they initially collected donations on Sunday mornings in decorated Pringles cans and gave contributors a flower to wear as "Friends of the Garden." Later, requests in *Chimes* always generated funds to buy plants, and individuals could donate in memory or honor of a loved one. A tour of the garden reveals numerous plaques marking these donations.

This labor of love has not been without challenges. Initially the group met weekly in the evenings as most worked during the day. They battled heat and mosquitoes, and as one area was completed, the untouched areas looked worse.

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There have been difficult decisions about taking down trees—including learning early on that one tree they removed had been a memorial. The "Trumel" garden on the north side of the church had to be moved twice over the years, and in 2005, the berm in front of the courtyard—which had been the first project and was at its peak—had to come out to make way for trailers while the church addition was being built.

Yet the rewards have been many, and, for the Isgrens and Reeds and other gardeners, service and the resulting fellowship are important parts of their faith story. As Virginia says of this group, "If there were any special events we could help with, we were there." They have learned to work with others, says Virginia, are grateful for the extremely dedicated volunteers and the friends they have made, and have enjoyed creating something beautiful together—all of which has made her aware of God's gifts. Allen also feels he has seen God working through people, making things better.

After thirty years, Virginia and Bob and Allen have passed the torch to Pat Johnson and George and Linda Masek, who now oversee the maintenance of the gardens that includes spring mulch day, fall clean-up, weeding, and the weekly watering schedule. We are grateful to all past and current gardeners who share God's story by tending the beauty of God's creation.



Allen Reed and George Masek 2004

If you have a story to tell, contact Kim Austin at kaustin@garychurch.org.



Sunday, August 25

As fall approaches, we invite you to come be a part of an **exciting new ministry year of renewed energy**, of **renewed commitment** to **meaningful service** and **genuine relationships**. We invite you to come be part of a story that is so much bigger and broader than any one of us—the story of God's love and grace.

This new ministry year kicks off on August 25 with:

- Presentation of Bibles to our third grade and Confirmation students during the 9 a.m. service
- Recognition and blessing of our high school seniors also at 9 a.m.
- · An engaging new Sunday School curriculum for kids called Grow
- Enriching topics for adults during 10 a.m. Sunday School
- Music ensemble rehearsals resuming on Sunday and throughout the next week

The rest of the fall schedule is full of opportunities. Look within these pages and find your place to grow, connect, and make a difference as we share God's story.

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Explore Gary

August 25, 10 *a.m.* in Commons E Whether you are new to the church or just ready for new opportunities to grow and serve, join us for this overview of the ministries of Gary Church. Come learn how you can connect within our family of faith.

Explore Membership

Sunday, September 15, 1:30–3 p.m. in the Anderson Room If you are considering membership at Gary Church, come get better acquainted with pastors and staff and learn more about the United Methodist Church and our Gary congregation. Please email kaustin@garychurch.org. to register. We look forward to learning more about you and answering any questions you may have.

Adult Christian Education and Discipleship

Sunday Morning Classes

IN THE ANDERSON ROOM

God, the Creator

August 25–September 22, 10 a.m., led by Rev. JoAnne Chase and Christy Grace

This fall, our Sunday morning Adult Bible Study will focus on God, what it means that we are created in God's image, and what it means to worship God alone. The first unit, God, the Creator, takes us through texts that help us discern what "Godness" is. The readings from Genesis present the Lord as the divine initiator of the cosmos and as the creator of humankind. The Exodus text reminds us that God is not limited to what we can know of or imagine about God, and that mystery remains part of God's nature. These lessons encourage us to develop the spiritual practice of mindfulness. Participants can buy the student books for \$14 for use on Sunday mornings or throughout the week!

Organic Outreach for Everyday People

October 6, 10 am., led by the **Evangelism** Team Organic Outreach for Everyday People by Kevin G. Harney is a book about using your gifts and talents to naturally share with others the good news. We are all called to tell others about Jesus, but most of the time we feel inadequate, uncomfortable, and a failure at doing so. This book shows you how to pray and love others in ways you may not have thought about before. It equips you to naturally use your gifts and style to share the good news of Jesus Christ. God needs a person-like you—to bring his love and grace to the world. You and your talents are unique and needed by God...God uses ordinary people like us! Copies of the book will be available outside the Church Office.

IN THE CHAPEL

John Wesley's Discourses on The Sermon on the Mount

August 25, 10 a.m., led by Holly Trueblood and Donna Trieschmann John Wesley's 13 discourses on Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" were first published in 1746 in a collection called Sermons on Several Occasions. These writings resourced the early Methodists in their quest to spread the gospel. In each of his works, John Wesley was vitally driven by the practical reality of the inner witness and outer working of the Holy Spirit. The relevance of these writings continues to the present day. Join Holly Trueblood and Donna Trieschmann for a conversation on Wesley's formative works.

Reading with Eyes Open: A Primer on Interpreting the Bible

September 1–22 and October 6, 10 a.m., led by Dr. Gene Green The books of the Bible often seem opaque to us and difficult to interpret since these 66 documents were written thousands of years ago to people who lived in other places, who spoke languages foreign to us, and whose cultures were different than our own. Despite the distance between the first readers of these books and ourselves, we hear God's voice in these texts as they speak divine wisdom into our lives and world. In this workshop class, we will explore some of ways we can interpret and hear the ancient message in our day. Bring your Bible, paper, and pencil!

IN COMMONS E

Radical Time Out (RTO) September 22, 10 a.m. led by Barbara Mill and Heather King Throughout the past two years, over 100 Gary Church members have cooked meals for the RTO ministry. Radical Time Out is an authentic, loving, community that welcomes everyone to experience the love and grace of Jesus Christ, regardless of color, class, culture, crime, or crisis. It is a critical bridge that links churches, believers, ministry partners, and mentors with former prisoners, families of the incarcerated, and people involved with the justice system. RTO is an integral part of the Koinonia House National Ministries, which brings the gospel to prisoners, ministers to their families, helps former prisoners re-enter society, and mobilizes churches and mentors. Join Koinonia House co-founder Barbara Mill and staff member Heather King for an important look at this transformative ministry.

Pray for Me Campaign Launch

September 29, 10 a.m. in the Activity Center

The *Pray for Me* Campaign is adults in the congregation committing to pray for specific families or youth every day for one year using a prayer guide. Our heart's desire is that this program will be more than just a way to bridge generations, but that the lives and faith of our students will be changed for the better by surrounding them with a team of adults cheering them on. We are excited to be launching this program for a second year and invite you to be part of it! Register to pray or to be prayed for at garychurch.org and plan to attend on September 29 when we will connect prayer sponsors with their family or student and provide a picture and prayer guide.

Adult Christian Education and Discipleship

New This Fall!

The Epic of Eden Video Study

Mondays, Beginning September 16, 7 p.m. in the Anderson Room, facilitated by Carey Bebar Does your knowledge of the Old Testament feel like a grab bag of people, books, events, and ideas? How many times have you resolved to really understand the OT? To finally make sense of it? In *The Epic of Eden* video study, Dr. Sandra Richter clearly and powerfully communicates a history of God's redeeming grace, weaving together a story that runs from the Eden of the Garden to the garden of the New Jerusalem.

Legendary Bible stories take on new life as Dr. Richter clearly articulates their part of a larger pattern, revealing an even deeper significance for the tales individually. Participants also gain a rich understanding of the context in which the Old Testament was written.

The Epic of Eden video study is an ideal follow up for those who have taken Disciple Fast Track or Bible Essentials as well as for anyone wanting a meaty study of biblical text or a strategic grasp of the good, the bad, and the ugly of the Old Testament and how it relates to God's activity in the present.

How does this series work? There are two components. The first is a set of 12 filmed, approximately half-hour sessions with Dr. Sandra Richter, and the second is a participant study guide. This workbook includes individual studies to be done at home each week—at your own pace, doing as much or as little as schedules permit. Once a week our group will gather to view the filmed study, talk about the at-home work, and focus on some group discussion questions. Let the adventure begin!

Reserve your materials by registering at office@garychurch.org.

During the Week

Devotional Studies

Mondays, 10 a.m. in Commons E This weekly group uses the daily devotional book by The Upper Room entitled Disciplines. All are welcome!

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays beginning September 10, 7 p.m. in the Anderson Room Come journey with this weekly group for in-depth study in a supportive and caring environment.

Grief Support Group

Wednesdays, September 11–November 6, 10 a.m. in Commons A We believe that the grief process is a journey that is best traveled in community—with others who can offer mutual support, understanding, love, and prayers. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one (recently or some time ago) we invite you to join us as we support one another.

Faith Club: A Women's Interfaith Group

Thursday, September 12, 6:30 p.m. in the Anderson Room The Faith Club brings women of Gary Church together with other women of Christian, Jewish, and Islamic faith for book discussion and to learn from and about one another. Our September book is Born with Wings: The Spiritual Journey of a Modern Muslim Woman by Daisy Khan. Come be part of the enriching discussion.

Disciple IV

Thursdays, starting in October, 10 a.m–12 p.m. in the Anderson Room Disciple IV Under the Tree of Life is the final study in the four-phase Disciple program. The study concentrates on Old Testament Writings, the Gospel of John, the Epistles of John, James, Jude, and finally, Revelation. All are welcome!

Men's Bible Study | Thank you Kevin Carlson!

Gary Church would like to thank Kevin Carlson for his faithful commitment leading the Men's Bible Study for many years. During his tenure, the Men's Bible Study reflected on Hosea, the Minor Prophets, 1 John, Revelation, and so much more. Kevin is retiring as the Men's Bible Study leader. His leadership and discipleship have been a tremendous blessing to Gary Church.

May the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done. Ruth 2:12

Fellowship Groups

Each of these groups welcomes new participants to get to know others and grow closer as a community of faith. If you are interested, contact the Church Office and we'll put you in touch with the group leaders.

Caleb Factor Men's Ministry

First Saturday of October, December, February, and April, 8 a.m. Beginning October 5 with guest speaker David Skarin Caleb provides a supportive fellowship of men who seek to know and follow Christ.

Game Night for Adults

Every Fourth Friday of the month, 6:30 p.m. Come join adults of all ages for a laughter-filled night of bridge, dominoes, friends, and fellowship.

Gary Gardeners

ongoing Gary members and friends plan and enjoy annual planting and care of the church greenery and landscaping.

Gary Walkers/Talkers

Every Tuesday and Thursday: 7:45 a.m. Walking, 9 a.m. Talking Join the walkers at 7:45 or just come for coffee and conversation at 9 a.m.

Lunchtime Literary Group

Fourth Tuesdays, 12 p.m. Beginning September 24 to discuss Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens Join us for a lively lunchtime discussion of selected current literary works.

Potluck Luncheon

Third Thursday of the month, 12 p.m. Beginning September 19 to share a meal and fellowship among friends Bring \$2 and a dish to pass. Main dish is provided.

United Methodist Women (UMW)

These Circles are small groups that meet monthly (September–May) to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission.

Knitting Circle	Second Tuesday, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Beginning September 10
Craft Circle	Second Wednesday, 6:45 p.m. Beginning September 11
Mary-Martha Circle	Second Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Beginning September 14
Susanna Wesley Circle	Third Monday, varying times Beginning September 16, 6:15 p.m. at Carol's Garden Restaurant, Carol Stream
Joy Circle*	Third Tuesday, 7 p.m. Beginning September 17

*Joy Circle Mums for Missions

Order mums on Sunday mornings through September 1 in the Commons and pick up on September 15 at the church from 8 a.m.–1 p.m. Cost: \$12 with all proceeds going to missions that support women and children.

Transforming Grace: A United Methodist Men's Retreat

Friday-Saturday, September 27-28, 2019 All United Methodist Men are invited to the 41st Annual Virginia Conference UMM Spiritual Advance at Baylake UMC, Virginia Beach. The featured speaker is the Rev. Dr. Kevin Watson, author of The Class Meeting. With special guest speakers Greg Arnold, who serves on the General Commission on Methodist Men. and Odell Horne, speaking on YoungER men's ministry, this is a ministry retreat you won't want to miss! Invite some Gary/ Winfield friends to attend with you and register online at garychurch.org.

Additional details can also be found on our website.





MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) & MOMSnext

Second and Fourth Tuesdays beginning September 10, 9:15–11:15 a.m. Women of all ages and stages of life are welcome to this group. For details and registration information, visit the MOPS page at garychurch.org or contact the Church Office.

Come join us to explore this year's MOPS International theme, "To the Full."

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. – John 10:10 (NIV)

Are you breathing just a little, and calling it a life?* Sometimes we need the reminder that life is meant to be lived to the full. That it is OK to enjoy ourselves, to let our hair down, to worry less, and to really suck the marrow out of life (who even says that? I guess we do now). Because as far as we can tell, this is exactly how God intended for us to live – fully and abundantly. It's easy to forget what that feels like, though. One day we're wide-eyed and the possibilities are endless, and then slowly, without even realizing it, we find ourselves dulled by the routines and disappointments that are a part of being human. We slowly start to lose our optimism and zest for life.

All that is about to change, because this next year is about the full life. Which means living grateful, joyful and hopeful. It means being led by the Good Shepherd and trusting that everything is working out exactly as it should.

We'll say farewell to autopilot and regain our vitality. We'll have more fun, get to know new people, fear less about what could go wrong or what others think. We will enjoy our kids like never before, and someday, when they wonder what life to the full looks like, they will look no farther than how mom does it.

But here's one important thing to remember: this idea of life to the full isn't about striving for more. It's not about striving at all. It is about recognizing that life isn't a bunch of goals to achieve, or people to please; but an invitation to savor, delight and enjoy your life just a little more. If you have ever felt like you aren't enough, if you have forgotten to have fun or feel like you have lost your spark, then this is the fresh start you have been waiting for.

In order to live To the Full this year, we will:

Have More Fun: Fun is often the first thing to go when life gets hectic because it seems frivolous and extravagant. This year we are going to remember that we can still have fun even when life is hard. We are going to let the laundry wait and build a fort with our kids. We'll stop waiting until everything on our to-do list is finished until we have fun, and do one thing a month just because it makes us happy. This is our year to remember what it feels like to enjoy ourselves.

Fear Less: No more fearing what people might think or say. No more letting fear paralyze us or concern about the future rob us of the present. At any given moment, there is courage inside of each of us that may be lying dormant. This year we'll bring it to life. We'll change our ways of thinking, calm our anxiety, and surrender our need to control. This is the year of faith over fear, and abundance over scarcity.

Find Our People: This year we'll meet our neighbors, learn the name of the cashier at the grocery store, and invite our MOPS table over for dinner. We need our people, and they need us. Maybe it means asking someone we respect to be our mentor, or perhaps it means marching in a parade, throwing candy and inviting other moms to MOPS. Finding our people takes some vulnerability, but it will also mean being known, belonging, and helping others feel the same. Life to the full happens best with people by our side.

* From the poem, Have You Ever Tried to Enter the Long Black Branches?, by Mary Oliver

Gary Preschool News

Openings at Gary Preschool

We still have openings in our Parents' Morning Out program and in our 3-year-old Preschool and Pre-K classes for the 2019–2020 school year. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Kirsten McCluskey at preschool@garychurch.org for more information.

Preschool Hiring

Gary United Methodist Preschool is hiring! We are looking for substitute teachers. Most subs are needed in the morning classes from 8:45–11:45 a.m. For more information, please contact Kirsten McCluskey at preschool@ garychurch.org.



50th Anniversary

Gary United Methodist Preschool is celebrating our 50th anniversary and we want to celebrate with the congregants and families of Gary Church and Preschool alumni! We are planning a Sunday morning celebration on October 20. We are also collecting photos from past students and their time at Gary United Methodist Preschool. Photos can be emailed to preschool@garychurch.org or dropped off in the Church Office (please label with your name and address so they can be returned to you).



...your gifts

August 18: **Red Bird Mission** A K–12 school and clinic in Central Appalachia (see pg. 10)

September 15: Christopher and Michelle Hays Mission to Colombia

Transformational theological education for Latin American pastors and theologians

September 29:

Fifth Sunday Appeal for United Voices for Children

A coalition of congregations and agencies supporting children, youth, and families in need

...your hands-on service

August: ESSE (Adult Day Care)

Provide treats or visit the Wheaton ESSE site one of the remaining days of August to bring cheer to the seniors there. See Debbie Connor in the Commons to sign up.

September 23–27: Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette, IN

Help build a home in partnership with low income families. No building experience required. Come the whole week or a couple days. Contact the Church Office.

September 29–30: **PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter)**

Help provide meals and shelter to the homeless at First Congregational Church in Glen Ellyn. Sign up at garychurch.org to donate food or volunteer your time.

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Changing Lives with Habitat for Humanity

When Gary's Habitat for Humanity mission team went to Lafayette, IN in 2017, they received an unexpected invitation. Ryan Burns, who had worked side-by-side with them in 2016 on the house that would become hers, invited them to see the finished product. Visiting this single mother of two young

children, they saw that she had taken great care in making the house her own. For Lois Davisson, who is a long-time Habitat volunteer and said the Gary team had developed a kinship with Ryan, it was rewarding to see that the shell of the house they had worked on had truly become a home.

It was special for Gerry Schmidt, who leads Gary's Habitat trips, to see how happy Ryan and her children are. "Ryan now has stability in her life," says Gerry. "With an affordable home, she doesn't have to worry about her kids having to change schools if she can't pay apartment rent. Most of us have no idea how disruptive that is. We take stability for granted."

Gerry also noted there is a place for the kids to play and to become part of a neighborhood—which is one of the things the Gary team appreciates about Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette and what has drawn them back each year since 2009. "They are a Christ-focused organization dedicated to reigniting community," says Lois. "It is so special to be part of their effort."

Gary's next trip to Lafayette is September 23–27. If you would like to experience the joy that comes from partnering with homeowners like Ryan, knowing you are making a real difference in someone's life, contact Gerry Schmidt through Church Office.

August MISSION

Red Bird Mission:

Red Bird Mission and Clinic in Beverly, Kentucky has been serving the desperately poor residents of Central Appalachia since 1921 and has a long-standing relationship with the United Methodist Church, as well as Gary Church. They serve an area of desperate poverty, an area lacking in jobs, opportunity, quality housing, and isolated by rugged mountain terrain.

Red Bird provides medical and dental clinics, physician visits for the home-bound and the disabled or elderly, as well as wellness programs and social service aids for the elderly, low income adults, and families. Red Bird sponsors community services such as free groceries and free or reduced clothing and furniture through their Community Store, a food pantry, and supplies of clean water. They offer senior support programs, adult education, new mother's support, and emergency shelter for those in need. Red Bird also sponsors a Craft Marketing Program to provide some economic opportunity in the area. They actively solicit volunteers to serve the residents, especially helping to refurbish the homes of the lowincome community.

A major ministry of Red Bird is the Mission School for PreK through grade 12. Their missionary teachers focus on providing quality education in a loving environment and giving these youngsters the tools that will empower them to escape from poverty and become community leaders.

You can help Red Bird in the following ways:

- Collect "Box Tops for Education" to help provide educational rewards and staple school supplies.
- Bring donations of colored pencils, markers, ball point pens (black and blue), colored construction paper, and/or ruled notebooks to the box in the Commons by September 15.
- Make monetary donations in our Outreach Giving Envelopes, found in the pew racks.

For more detailed information on Red Bird, visit rbmission.org.



Midwest Shelter for Homeless Vets

In spite of two days of rain during Memorial Day weekend, the annual poppy sale at Cantigny raised \$6,500. The Cantigny Foundation matched this amount, so the total donation to Midwest Shelter was \$13,000.

~ Don Kenyon

PADS

On June 30 and the morning of July 1, we fed and sheltered approximately 40 guests for DuPage PADS (PADS provides shelter yearround at various locations), providing them with both a hot dinner and a hot breakfast as well as a bag lunch. Our volunteers worked extremely hard to adapt and compensate for the difficulties because the hosting church was under heavy construction. I would like to thank everyone that donated their time and money and will enjoy seeing everyone again on the fifth Sunday of September!

~ Jesse Exner

RTO (Radical Time Out)

Gary continues to provide a meal once a month for this ministry that serves former prisoners and families of the incarcerated. This team prepared and served a ham dinner for over 80 persons on July 18.







An Unexpected Opportunity!

by Jennifer Whiting

Gary's Festival Choir and Orchestra have received the distinct honor of being invited to perform Dan Forrest's LUX: The Dawn from On High at the Illinois American Choral Directors Association fall conference. This recognition from the choral community gives us a unique opportunity to shine the gospel light ("lux") beyond the walls of our sanctuary!

Who will be in the audience? Choral directors and several of the finest choirs in the state, along with their families and friends, plus anyone in the local community who would like to attend.

This is an ideal occasion for you to invite friends and neighbors to hear our outstanding musicians and to worship the Lord with us. The performance takes place at College Church on Saturday, October 26. Tickets are available at the door for only \$5.

This honor came as a surprise to the choir, and the considerable expense to perform it again was not included in the current year's budget. We prayerfully trust God to provide everything we need to follow his leading, and choir members have already contributed a substantial amount to cover the costs for another quality performance. We now invite the congregation to participate in this outreach with us!

Bake Sale and Silent Auction

On Sunday, September 8, 8–11:15 a.m., a bake sale and silent auction at Gary Church will benefit this worthy cause. The wonderful bakers of the congregation will sell their special cakes, cookies, pies, and cupcakes. At the same time, we will conduct a silent auction featuring extraordinary works from Gary's artists, as well as gift baskets and gift cards from local merchants.

Other Ways to Support This Fall Performance: Pray, Give, or Invite!

We invite you to pray for God's blessing on this outreach, and we appreciate your support to any extent you are able. If you are unable to attend the bake sale and silent auction but would like to help share the light of Christ through this glorious music, you can make a donation directly to Gary Church. You can do this two ways:

- Mail or drop off a check payable to Gary United Methodist Church at 224 N. Main Street, Wheaton, Illinois 60187. Please include "LUX" in the memo line of your check.
- Donate electronically at garychurch.org. Click on "Online Giving" in the menu and then scroll down to Opportunities at Gary Church / Music Fundraiser.

Invite Others to the Concert!

We hope you and your friends will join us on October 26 at College Church. Tickets are only \$5 at the door. We have prepared a feast of music, and we shared this feast with our own church family last spring. Now let's open the doors wide and share it with many others. There is no higher calling than to worship our loving God, and we invite the world to worship along with us!

Find a Warm Welcome in Gary Music!

Ask anyone who rings or sings, and they'll tell you it's one of their favorite ways to serve, to make friends, and to worship at Gary Church. Our friendly groups are open to musicians of all ages and all levels of experience. You are welcome to visit any rehearsal just to see if you might like it! Please contact the Church Office or any music director for more information.

Chancel Choir

Jennifer Whiting, director; Kevin Lange, pianist HS–Adult, Thursday, 7–8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room starting August 29

Men's Chorus

Mike Krueger, director; Beth Graves, pianist HS–Adult, Saturday, 8–9 a.m. in the Choir Room starting September 14

Celebration Singers – New day and room! Director/pianist to be announced Women of all ages, Saturday, 8–9 a.m. in the Chapel starting September 7 Celebration Singers moves to Saturday mornings to coincide with Men's Chorus!

Broken Together

Ellie Pentland, director Vocal group for grades 6–12, Sunday, 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary starting September 8

Good News Ringers – New start time! Nancy Brunner, director; Jill Stoffels, assistant Grades 3–6, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. in the Bell Room, starting August 28 GNR moves to 5:30 p.m. to coincide with Cherub Choir and Friendship Singers! Please register for this class through the Church Office.

Friendship Singers

Beth Graves, director/pianist Nick Graves, assistant Grades 1–5, Wednesday, 5:45–6:30 p.m. in the Chapel starting August 28 Please register for this class through the Church Office.

Cherub Choir

Jennifer Whiting, director Mary Ellen Rahn, assistant Ages 3–5, Wednesday, 5:50–6:25 p.m. in the Choir Room starting August 28 This is an interactive music experience class, and one adult attends with each child. Please register through the Church Office before attending. This class caps at 18.

Altar Bells - New start time!

Sharon Schmidt, director HS–Adult, Wednesday, 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the Bell Room starting August 21

Sanctuary Ringers

Sharon Schmidt, director Adults, Sunday, 10 a.m. in the Bell Room starting August 25

Glory Ringers

Kristin Kalitowski-Kowal, director Jill Stoffels, assistant Grades 7–12, Sunday, 11 a.m. in the Bell Room, starting August 25



sunday mornings

New this Fall! Grow

We've had fun "digging in" the past two years, but now it's time to grow! Starting August 25, Gary Kids will feature a new curriculum called *Grow* during the 10 a.m. Sunday School hour. The Grow curriculum has been created, shaped, and written by hundreds (literally) of real children's pastors, in real churches, from a diversity of church contexts, cultures, sizes, and denominations. With its one-year teaching strategy, Grow's goal is to help kids grow spiritually by learning and applying what we teach in a way that is developmentally appropriate. While every year the Grow scope and sequence will take kids through major Bible stories in the Old and New Testament, each month will have a new theme that engages elementary and preschool students in fun and creative ways!

Check out this month's *Grow* adventure...

Heart of a Hero | A 5-Week Series through Joseph

Sundays, August 25-September 22, 10 a.m.



Everyone loves a good superhero story, and every superhero story has a few things in common. No superhero started out as a superherothey became heroes because of the way their circumstances shaped them, because of the

choices they made, and because of the ways they decided to stand up for others. There aren't any superheroes in the Bible, but there is someone named Joseph who both experienced injustice and let God use him to fight injustice, just like Jesus did. In this five-week series, kids will discover that Jesus is our hero, God helps us become heroes, heroes make wise choices, heroes help others, and heroes need help too.

Bible Sunday

Sunday, August 25, 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary Third grade students will receive their Bible during the 9 a.m. worship service.

Third Grade Bible Adventure Class

Beginning August 25 at 10 a.m. in Gamon Hall This fall, third graders will set sail on a ten-week Bible Adventure course to learn to use and grow to love their own personal *Deep Blue Kids Bible*. This Common English Kids' Bible is specially designed for elementary students and sounds more like how they talk, read, and write. Leaders will use Abingdon Press' *Learning to*



Helping Hands Mission

Sunday, September 15, 9 a.m.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength



and with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27

At Gary Church, we believe that loving God and our neighbor is active and generative. That's why one Sunday a month, children ages Preschool 3-Grade 5 will use their helping hands to serve our local, national, and global neighbors in a variety of meaningful mission projects. *On Sunday, September 15,* we'll box up donations for the Red Bird Mission and learn about this important ministry.

You can help by donating any of the following items to Red Bird Mission School: spiral notebooks, colored pencils, markers, pens (blue or black), and colored construction paper. Bring these items to the box near the Mission bulletin board in the Commons by August 30.

Bible Celebration

Sunday, October 20, 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary The Third Grade Bible class will share some of their new-found Bible knowledge before the congregation during the 9 a.m. Worship Service.





Parent's Night Out

Friday, September 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Lower Level Lobby

Drop off your children at Gary for supervised play while you enjoy a night out. Parent's Night Out is open to children ages 6 months-grade 3. Reservations are required through Gary's Church Office and a donation of \$5 per child is suggested.

4th & 5th Grade Fellowship

Saturday, September 28, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Abbey Farms (meeting at and returning to Gary) Fourth and fifth graders are invited to join us for our kickoff celebration at Abbey Farms' Pumpkin Daze! Students will enjoy tractor hay/wagon rides, corn mazes, a mega slide, combine slide, tractor tire hill, jumping pillow, lasso challenge, and more! Cost is \$10 per person. Register by Thursday, September 12 at office@garychurch.org.

Blackberry Farms Family Outing

Sunday, October 6, 1–3 p.m. When's the last time you rode a

When's the last time you rode a paddleboat, petted some baby animals, and then visited a blacksmith's shop all in the same day? Gary Kids families are invited to Blackberry Farm, a living history museum in Aurora, IL, to experience all that and so much more! With amusement rides, hands-on history, live animals, and an imaginative play structure, this fall outing is sure to be fun for the whole family! RSVP to Carey Bebar through the Church Office at office@garychurch.org by October 1. Cost is \$5 per person.

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Come to Gary's west parking lot for a spook-tacular outing featuring tailgate trick-or-treating, games, food, and prizes! Join in the fun and sign up to decorate a trunk, provide hospitality, donate candy, or donate new/used costumes that will be given to PRC families with children wanting to Trick or Treat! Contact Carey Bebar through the Church Office for more information or to sign up today!





Today's Date

Please complete this registration form if you do not have one on file from the previous school year OR if you have updates to allergies, special needs, or contact information. Return completed forms to the Church Office or the Sign-in Station on the lower level. Be sure to check in your children at the Sign-in Station each Sunday morning.

Child's Name	Age	Date of Birth	Grade	Gender
Allergies or Special Needs				
Child's Name Allergies or Special Needs	•			Gender
Child's Name	Age	Date of Birth	Grade	Gender
Allergies or Special Needs				
Parent's Name(s)				
Street Address		City/Zip Code		
Cell Phone(s)		Home Phone		
Email(s)				

Names of adults allowed to pick up my children _____

My child/ren will participate in the following:

_____ Kids' Church at 9 a.m.

_____ Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Choirs and Ensembles

—— Wednesday evening Good News Ringers at 5:30 p.m. (Grades 3-6) in the Bell Room

—— Wednesday evening Cherub Choir at 5:50-6:25 p.m. (Preschool 3's-Kindergarten) in the Choir Room

_____ Wednesday evening Friendship Singers at 5:45-6:30 p.m. (Grades 1-5) in the Chapel

Waiver: Photograph/Video Release for Minors

I give Gary United Methodist Church and its representatives permission to take photos and video of my child or the child for whom I have legal guardianship (identified below), and use such photographs or video in any and all media products for promotion, art, advertising, editorial or other purpose. This may include but is not limited to newsletters both print and email, posters, brochures, ads, post cards and web pages and Social Media.

I waive the right to see or approve any publications that contain photographs of my child and agree that no compensation is owed to me or my child for the use of such images. I release Gary UMC and its representatives from responsibility for any harm or invasion of privacy that may occur or be produced by taking photographs or video of my child, and from any claims relating to such photographs or video.

I understand that these photos will be in the public domain but no identifying information will be displayed.

_____ Yes, I agree to above stated photo release. _____ No, I do not agree to above stated photo release.

Parent's Name, printed ____

Parent's Signature _



Gary Youth Update

Parent Kickoff Meeting with Alexa

Sunday, September 8 at 11 a.m. All parents of middle and high schoolers are welcome! As we kick off another school year, we will walk through all of the dates and details of the Gary Youth calendar, talk about the "why" behind what we're doing, and resource you with parenting ideas. All in an hour!

Midweek Resumes for Middle

School *Wednesday, August 21* 7–8:30 p.m. in the Activity Center

High School Sunday Nights Kick Off

Sunday, August 25 Watch for details on time and place.

Fall Retreat

Friday–Sunday, September 20–22 at Lake Geneva Youth Camp Retreats are designed to be our biggest relationship and faith building events of the year. Students do not want to miss out! Cost \$175.

Stay up-to-date and get reminders about upcoming events!

Follow our Facebook page at Gary Youth and text "garyyouth" to 95577 to receive text reminders about upcoming events and hear about pop-up hang out opportunities with Gary Youth!

Doubts and Questions

Dear Parents,

As I've explored the research related to Sticky Faith, a theme that stuck out to me relates to the importance of doubts and questions when it comes to faith development. The more students are able to ask questions, tough as they may be, and express doubts, scary though they may be, the better.

All too often I want to give young people answers to their questions rather than let the questions sit open for a bit. I want to remedy their doubts too quickly by pointing them to scripture or doctrine. I want to solve things for them.

Instead, I now am trying to consider the ways we can make our church a safe space for young people to ask questions and a place where doubts can be expressed out loud. When we do, we actually strengthen, rather than weaken, our students' growth.

Answer for yourself: **When you're honest, what doubts or questions do you have about faith?** Do you find that you're comfortable with those, or do you try to avoid them? How do you think this response impacts your kids?

Does your family have a unique way of engaging doubt? I would love to hear about it! Or if this is a particularly sore point for you as a parent, I would love to talk. These are important conversations!

Be encouraged; you don't need to have all the answers. Our God is larger than any doubt we may harbor and loves your child more than you can imagine. The real, good work is to allow your students to wrestle with their doubts and to come alongside them in the midst of it.

Your sister in Christ, Alexa Isaac





Gary Youth Permission Form

Today's Date		
Student's Name	Date of Birth	Current Grade
Medical Conditions/Current Medications		
Student's Name	Date of Birth	Current Grade
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Student's Name	Date of Birth	Current Grade
Medical Conditions/Current Medications		
Parents' Names		
Address		
Parents' Phone(s)		
(Student names) and/or Sunday School events where he/she is drive effective from August 22, 2019–August 22, 2020. In sponsors, leaders or adult chaperones have permis hospital for further medical attention as deemed new	en in a vehicle by someone other than his the event of an emergency affecting the sion to administer first aid and/or transp	s/her own parent/guardian. This form is e health or welfare of this participant, the ort the individual to the nearest doctor or

irther medical attention as deemed necessary. The individual action in response to the emergency will be neid bian Any medical expenses occurring will be borne by the participant, or parents/guardians of the participant. Insurance afforded by Gary United Methodist Church and Winfield Community United Methodist Church are an excess insurance, over any and all valid and collectible insurance coverage available to or for such person, as expressly named above.

Yes, I agree to above stated release.	No, I do not agree to above stated release.	

Health Insurance Carrier	Group/Policy Number
Emergency Contact Name	Emergency Contact Phone

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Parents should complete this portion of the form for any students in grades 6-12 who participate in any Gary ministries.

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Yes, I agree to above stated photo release.	No, I do not agree to above stated photo release.
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Communication by Social Media, Email and Texting: I authorize Staff Members of Gary United Methodist Church to communicate by methods of Social Media, email and/or texting with my child or the child for whom I have legal guardianship (identified above).

_Yes, I agree to above stated communication release. ____ No, I do not agree to above stated communication release.

Parent Name (printed)

Parent Signature _____

Date

New Safety Plans for Fall

What if you were sitting in church on a Sunday morning and the fire alarm suddenly went off? Would you know what to do?

In order to maintain a safe, secure, and welcoming environment at Gary Church, we recently formed a Safety Task Force. The group has been charged with reviewing current practices and recommending procedures to improve security and emergency preparedness.

One of the first recommendations of the Task Force is to conduct a fire drill. Regular fire drills help familiarize participants with the sound of the alarm system and evacuation procedures, so in the event of a real fire, people are aware of what to do. Drills occur regularly in schools and workplaces and should also be happening in our homes and churches.

To help ensure the safety of our entire congregation, Gary would ideally host a drill during each of the Sunday morning services as well as the 10 a.m. Sunday School/Special Blend time at least once each year.

Please prepare yourself by reviewing the following list of Emergency Procedures for Fire Safety. For those members with young families, we encourage you to discuss the importance of fire drills with your children as well.

... and don't be surprised if some time this fall you hear the fire alarm go off on a Sunday morning!

If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office.

You can learn more about this and other emergency protocols at the All-Church Training on August 18, 3–5 p.m. in the Commons.

Emergency procedures when you hear the fire alarm...

 Evacuate the building in a guick, calm, and orderly fashion. Find the nearest exit. If the nearest exit is blocked by fire, find an alternative route. Leave all personal belongings behind.

 Gather in Hultgren's Funeral Home parking lot. (This is a temporary location while Memorial Park is under construction.)

 Parents—do not attempt to retrieve your children from the lower level or other Sunday School classrooms. The Sunday School leaders are responsible for evacuating children to the designated meeting place.

 Sunday School Leaders—One teacher will lead the children to their designated exit. The other will check off names on the attendance sheet as children exit the room. The second teacher will be the last to leave the room and take the attendance sheet with them. The teachers will take attendance a second time once the class is outside. (This is why ALL parents should sign in their elementary age children!)

· In the event of a fire or a drill, the elevator will not be accessible. Persons needing assistance should seek an official "Area of Refuge." These are located throughout the church including two on the main level-one in Stairwell B (off the Commons) nearest to Door 4 and one in Stairwell C (off the Sacristy hallway) nearest Door 7. These areas are identified with signage and a call station. They are designed to hold occupants during a fire or other emergency, when evacuation may not be safe or possible. Those not able to evacuate should wait there until rescued or released by firefighters.



The Power of Prophetic Art

August 1-31

An exhibit of paintings with words of encouragement by artist Lynn Zul-Llovd

Gallery Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. or by appointment

The Burning Bush Art Gallery is located at 216 N. Main Street, in the Wesley Center of Gary.

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VBS and Blast Camp 2019

Over 100 volunteers and 270 students experienced VBS and BLAST week, June 17–21. A first-time volunteer shares his story:

I was the Crew Leader for Fourth Grade Team Marge—a group of eight delightful fourth graders, every one of them unique and amazing.... I was told that the Crew Leaders just get the kids from place to place without losing any. Don't believe it. Crew Leaders definitely connect one-to-one with each kid, and love them, beginning on day one.

I am sad I won't get to hang out with my new fourth grade friends anymore. But I am happy that about half my crew are part of the Gary Church family, so I will see them around (and watch them grow up).

I found the VBS week to be very organized, creative, engaging, educational, inspiring, and fun.



~ Dan Wible



Family Camp 2019

"Sharing the Story" was the weekend theme for the thirteen families who gathered at Pine Lake Camp in Westfield, WI on July 19–21. Family devotions focused on Psalm 71:15, My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds, of your saving acts all day long-though I know not how to relate them all. This weekend of growing closer to God and each other also included free time activities such as swimming, boating, hiking, archery, and more! Thank you to all who joined us for this year's event. We look forward to next summer...Family Camp 2020!

Meaningful Summer Experiences for Gary Youth

While on our mission trip, our students participated in many different projects around Kansas City. Some of the city's biggest needs center around food insecurity and education, so our team was partnered with local non-profits tutoring, gardening, and working with food banks, as well as other projects. Through posturing ourselves as learners, our team caught a vision of what a life dedicated to Kingdom Work looks like in Kansas City and also at home. What an incredible week of catching a glimpse of the ways God is at work in KC and how he moves through our students!

God moved in students' lives in powerful ways at MIX (middle school) and MOVE (high school) Camps, and it was a joy to watch our students be able to identify and articulate the ways they were experiencing God's deep love for them, hear calls to move forward in Kingdom Work, and to continue pursuing Jesus in their everyday lives. I am in awe of the ways our students opened themselves up to the whispers of the Spirit, to the love of the Father, to the call of Jesus. Their openness with God and each other cultivated a week unlike any other, deep friendships, and a passion to continue to move forward in the lives God has called them to live, not just as adults, but here and now.

What incredible students we have at Gary, and what a good God we serve!





~ Alexa Isaac





Thank You

A huge thank you to the Gary folks who helped at the Cosley Zoo Run for the Animals by passing out medals at the finish line. We had a good mix of youth and adults who represented our church to the community.



Dear Gary Church Friends,

Please accept our gratitude for your kindness to us following the loss of our beloved mother, Dorothy Erhardt. We have appreciated the meals, phone calls, emails, cards, memorial donations, and attendance at the memorial service. Your loving support has sustained us as we deal with the loss of our mother.

Mom loved Gary Church and derived much joy from being part of the church family. She would be pleased to know that the church family is taking good care of her children. Thank you for your love and support.

Gratefully yours, Penny Gillen, Susan Erhardt, and John Erhardt

Thank you to Phyllis Geyer, Pam Kurtz, Jennifer Ruth, Kim Austin, and Jennifer Whiting for their donations to Purple Stride. It was greatly appreciated, and we were able to raise \$950. We hope that this will be an annual fundraiser towards research to wipe out pancreatic cancer.

Diana Bernholdt and Kelly Heighway

Congratulations

Paul & Amanda Andrzejewski on the birth of their son, Theo Rhett, on May 22. Grandparents are Bob & Cindy Andrzejewski.

The Kile Family on the birth of their daughter and sister, McKenna Rosaire, on April 18

Our Sympathy

John, Nancy, Will, & Eric Brunner on the death of John's mother, Marie Brunner, on June 14

Dick & Julie Raab on the death of Julie's father, Carson Balbach, on June 16

The Family of Glenn Arnold. Glenn passed away on June 19.

The Family of Betty Jeppsen. Betty passed away on July 31.

Styrofoam Recycling

Sunday, August 25, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. in the south driveway

It's time for our bi-monthly collection. Bring your rinsed food containers in one bag and solid packing materials in a separate bag. No peanuts please. Thanks for helping to keep Styrofoam out of landfills!



Our Mission

- **Grow** in faith, knowledge and understanding of Christ as Lord and Savior
- **Serve** our community and the world by sharing time, gifts, talents

Nurture one another through worship, fellowship, love

Demonstrate our discipleship to Christ

Proclaim God's grace and Good News



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Sunday Mornings

Adult Christian Educaton, 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Something You Should Know: Rest and Relaxation By Pastor Bruce Anderson

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he (Jesus) got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Mark 1:35-39

Summer is the time when we are often able to go off to another place to rest, perhaps pray, and recharge ourselves for the rest of the year. Mark gives us an example of Jesus doing just that, though we don't know if it was summer or not.

Rest and relaxation are important. That is why God gave us a sabbath day, and why Jesus would sometimes retreat by himself to center and prepare for what was to come next. But Mark also tells us that afterwards Jesus got back in the saddle and went back to the work that he was sent to do. "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." I am preparing for the annual Anderson Family reunion at my father's farm in Michigan. It is a time to reconnect with family and friends, with the bonus of being surrounded by some of God's most beautiful country in all of creation. So, let us enjoy whatever leisure time we can take for ourselves this summer, but then come back strengthened for the missions and ministries that are ahead of us in proclaiming God's message and sharing God's love with a hurting world.







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Sunday, September 15, 1:30 p.m. at Klein Creek Golf Club, Winfield

Calling all golfers!

We'll begin this scramble at 1:30 p.m.

Enjoy food and prizes after golfing. *Cost is \$125 for golf and dinner or \$25 for dinner only.* Sponsors are needed for \$125 per hole. Put together your own foursome, or just sign up and we'll put you with a fun group.

All proceeds will benefit Gary Youth Ministries. Register in the Commons or through the Church Office.

