



## Gary United Methodist Church

224 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL

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### Upcoming Events at Gary Church

**Christmas Sharing Follow-up:** Our Christmas Sharing leaders are interested in your suggestions and observations to help improve this mission. Please contact Shelley Kenyon through the Church Office and/or attend a follow-up meeting on Sun., Jan. 6 at 10 a.m. in Commons E

**Men's Bible Study begins** a new topic: *Study of the Minor Prophets*. All men are invited to participate beginning Tues., Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m. in the Commons E.

**Praise Service:** Sat., Jan. 12, 5 p.m. at Winfield UMC. This service features musicians from both the Gary and Winfield congregations. All are welcome to attend.

**Bible Essentials:** Tuesdays, Jan. 15 and 29, then first and third Tuesdays, Feb.–April, 10 a.m. in the Anderson Room. If you have always wanted to know more about the Bible, this class is for you. Childcare is available by registering through the Church Office.

**Lunch Group:** Thurs., Jan. 17, 12 p.m. in the Commons. Main dish provided. Bring a dish to share. Cost: \$2

**Festival Choir** rehearsals begin Thurs., Jan. 17, 7:30–9 p.m. in the Choir Room to prepare to sing Dan Forrest's *LUX: The Dawn from On High* on Sun., Mar. 3. There will be seven Thurs. evening rehearsals and a required dress rehearsal (Sat., Mar. 2). High school and adult singers of all experience levels are invited to register for Festival Choir through the Church Office.

**The Lunchtime Literary Society** will meet on Tues., Jan. 22 to discuss *Prairie Fires* by Caroline Fraser. Read the book, pack a lunch, and join us at noon in the Anderson Room.

**2019 Women's Retreat:** Fri.–Sat., Feb. 22–23, at La Salle Manor Retreat Center in Plano, IL. Come gather with other women of Gary and Winfield Churches to draw near to God through creative prayer, holy listening, and interactive worship. The early registration cost is \$130 before Tues., Jan. 1, \$145 after. See [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org) for more information and to register.



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**Gary Youth Midweek** will resume Wed., Jan. 9, 7–8:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. All middle school students are invited to attend.

**4th & 5th Grade Fellowship Roller Skating Party:** Fri., Jan. 18, 7–9 p.m. Come celebrate the New Year at Lombard Roller Rink. We will meet at and return to Gary Church. Cost is \$10.

**Parent's Night Out:** Fri., Jan. 18, 6:30–8:30 p.m. Drop off your children at Gary for supervised play time while you enjoy a night out. Parent's Night Out is open to children 6 months through grade 3. Reservations are required through the Church Office and a donation of \$5 per child is suggested.

**Winter Musical Auditions:** Sun., Jan. 6, 2 p.m. All youth and children are invited to participate in the 2019 musical, *Life of the Party: The Story of Mary and Martha*, to be performed on Sun., Mar. 17, 4 p.m. Rehearsals will be on Sundays, Jan. 13–Mar. 10, 2–4 p.m.

## Please Note

**Bus driver** needed for the third Sunday of the month to pick up those not able to drive to church. Contact the Church Office for more information.

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## Burning Bush—An Outreach of Gary Church

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