

# Gary United Methodist Church

July 5, 2020

## Congregational Care

### Our sympathy to

Virginia Blackwell and the Keske family on the death of Virginia's stepdaughter and Melinda Keske's stepsister, Marcia Roe Taggart, on June 29

## Stay Connected to the Church Family

**Worship Talk:** Sundays at 10:15 a.m. live via Zoom. This virtual coffee hour includes a facilitated conversation with Rev. JoAnne Chase about the morning's service. Grab your coffee and click on the meeting link right beneath the worship service at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org).

**Hymns at Twilight:** Grab a hymnal and sing along at a casual, virtual hymn-sing called "Hymns at Twilight," on Tues., July 21, 7 p.m. Kevin Lange hosts and accompanies this live-streamed event for the whole family! You can help by suggesting hymns that are bringing comfort and hope during this season of life. Please send your suggestions to Jennifer Whiting at [jwhiting@garychurch.org](mailto:jwhiting@garychurch.org) by Sun., July 12.

**United Methodist Hymnals are Available:** Would you like to have a hymnal at home? We have a number of hymnals with significant wear and tear (some have been taped) that are available for you to adopt by contacting the [Church Office](#).

**Make a Music Video for Summertime Worship!** If you like to sing or play an instrument, we would love for you to share your music for online worship. We invite you to make a video of any hymn or sacred song that is familiar and comfortable for you. Your creativity is welcome! If you would like to jump into this at-home project, please contact Jennifer Whiting at [jwhiting@garychurch.org](mailto:jwhiting@garychurch.org) for tips for filming and details for submitting your video.

**Joint United Methodist Prayer Services:** Tuesdays, July 7–July 21, 12 p.m. We are a people called both to "prayer" and "prayerful" action. Join Rev. Megan Dean Tobola and several local churches for weekly Prayer Services on Zoom. To join by computer or smart device: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87571301499>. To join by phone: 312-626-6799, Meeting ID 875 7130 1499.

**The Upper Room Devotional:** Whether you usually pick up this devotional outside the Church Office or are looking for new paths toward spiritual health, the July/August issue is now available. Just contact the [Church Office](#) to let us know that you would like one, and we'll mail it to you. We also have a limited supply of the large print version.

### Lectionary Readings

- This week's readings: [Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67, Psalm 45:10–17, Romans 7:15–25a, and Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30](#)
- Next week's readings: [Genesis 25:19–34, Psalm 119:105–112, Psalm 25, Romans 8:1–11, and Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23](#)

## Gary Cares

**Housing Needs:** We have received several messages in recent months from individuals seeking housing in Wheaton. The requests have included short-term apartment rental, a longer-term affordable apartment rental, and a room or basement space. If you have any suggestions, please contact the [Church Office](#).

**Wear Gary Cares T-shirts!** These shirts, designed by Gary members Dave and Liesl Mann, are available to order now through July 6 at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org). Choose from three simple but powerful words: hope, love, and home. Shirts are just under \$20 (with an extra fee for 2X, 3X, or 4X) and can be shipped to the [church](#) at no additional cost or to your home for \$5. Approximate delivery is July 22. We will arrange for the safe pick-up of shirts shipped to the church. Any proceeds will go to the Gary Cares fund. Please note that youth sizes are only available in "Ash," whereas adults should choose "Ice Gray."

## Stay Connected to the Mission

**Your Tithes and Offerings:** To support the ongoing mission and ministry of Gary Church, please consider making a gift. Here are three ways to continue your tithes and offerings.

- **Online:** Make a regular or one-time gift at [garychurch.org/giving](http://garychurch.org/giving).
- **Text-to-Give:** Text 844-928-1220 on a cell phone. Enter a dollar amount followed by the word "GARY" and follow the instructions.
- **Checks:** Mail a check to Gary Church, 224 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL 60187.

**COVID-19 Response:** Gary's Health Team, which includes members of the congregation and staff, is working to establish guidelines for gradually and safely returning to "in-person" activities. All decisions will be made in accordance with the latest public health recommendations, guidance from the NIL Conference of the UMC, and in consideration of our own context. Each phase of re-opening the building and resuming in-person gatherings must be tested by the principle "Do No Harm." As our Health Team plans and prepares for next steps, worship will continue online only. Updates will be provided as they become available.

