



## Can you help at Mission u on July 21?

The Conference and District officers and event planners need a few people to help guide attendees as they arrive, as well as to serve breakfast and lunch. To volunteer, please contact Melissa Wheaton through the Church Office.

## Exciting Summer Opportunity!

### United Methodist Women's NIL Conference Mission u Drive-in Day

**Saturday, July 21**

**8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.**

**at Gary Church**

This Northern Illinois Conference event is open to women, men, and children with a purpose of learning for the transformation of the world. The day includes an overview of the UMW mission studies for 2018:

*Embracing Wholeness: An Earth  
Perspective for Covenantal Living*

*Missionary Conferences of the U.S.*

*What About Our Money? A Faith  
Response*

Visit [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org) for more information and to register for this enlightening day. The \$50 fee includes a continental breakfast and lunch.



## Gary United Methodist Church

224 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL

[www.garychurch.org](http://www.garychurch.org)

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### Today at Gary Church

**Special Blend Fellowship:** In the Commons at 10 a.m. All ages are welcome to join us for this time of coffee, treats, and fellowship.

**Let the Coffee Continue!** Several people have answered the call to help with Special Blend, so we just need a few more volunteers to serve once a month by cleaning up on third Sundays and hosting on fourth Sundays. Call the Church Office now so that this fellowship time can continue.

**Gary Kids:** Kids' Church at 9:15 a.m. continues throughout the summer. Sunday School at 10 a.m. for all ages resumes on August 26.

*Preschool 3's–4's* meet in the Preschool Room on the lower level

*Kindergarten–Grade 3* meet in the Lower Level Lobby

### Upcoming Sundays at Gary

**Worship, Potluck, and Ministry Market:** Aug. 19. We'll all worship together in the Sanctuary at 10 a.m. and afterwards, share a good old-fashioned potluck meal in the Commons. Plus our annual ministry fair will have a whole new look. Mark your calendar for this end-of-summer event!

**Sunday School Kick-Off:** Aug. 26 throughout Gary Church. We'll begin a new season of ministry as Christian Education for all ages resumes at 10 a.m.

### Burning Bush Art Gallery—An Outreach of Gary Church

**Now Showing:** *Mars*, through July 29. This exhibit features works by local artists and is in collaboration with the Naperville Art League's *Venus* show. Join us for an Artist's Reception on July 15 from 1–3 p.m.

**11th Annual Music in the Park:** July 14 from 7–10 p.m. in Memorial Park (across from Gary's parking lot). Featured groups are Sunnyside Up, Lee Murdock, and Cam-peau and Craig. Bring a picnic and sit back and enjoy the concert.

## Gary Church in Mission

**Fundaniños Orphanage, Guatemala:** Gary Church has a long-standing relationship with Fundaniños that includes sponsoring a teacher's salary and sending yearly mission teams. Here's how you can get involved.

Contribute to the teacher sponsorship today by placing your donation in the mission envelope in the pews. Please note "Fundaniños" in the memo line.

Pray for our mission team traveling to Guatemala the week of August 4–11.

Sponsor a child. For only \$45/month (\$1.50/day), you can provide meals, healthcare, housing, education, and legal representation for a child at Fundaniños. Visit [www.fundaninos.com](http://www.fundaninos.com) to learn more.

**The People's Resource Center** is in need of book movers to help keep their Kids' Summer Science classes stocked with books for kids to take home! If you are available on July 10 to lift and transport boxes of books to one of the class sites, contact Lucinda at [volunteers@peoplesrc.org](mailto:volunteers@peoplesrc.org).

**July Mission Focus:** Justice, Understanding, Service, and Teaching (JUST) of DuPage. This DuPage County Jail ministry provides services such as addiction recovery and chaplaincy. Faith community members provide spiritual guidance through Bible studies, worship, and prayer. For more information, contact Allen Reed through the Church Office.

## Children's and Youth Ministries

**Middle School Bible Study:** Join Alexa and Tanner Isaac and our summer intern Audrey on Tuesdays, through Aug. 14 (no meeting on July 31) at 10 a.m. in the Activity Center.

**High School Late Night:** Alexa and Tanner Isaac plus interns Kailey and John-Michel will lead these gatherings at the Isaac's house on Thursdays, through August 9 from 8:45–10 p.m.

**Middle School Summer Camping Trip at Starved Rock:** July 15–16. The \$20 cost covers dinner on Friday, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Bring shoes you can hike in and also get wet. Drop-off will be at Gary on July 15 at 3 p.m.; pick up at Gary on July 16 at 3:30 p.m. Register by emailing Alexa at [aisaac@garychurch.org](mailto:aisaac@garychurch.org).

**Kane County Cougars' Outing for Gary Youth and families:** July 25 from 5:30–9:30 p.m. Sign up by July 12 by emailing [aisaac@garychurch.org](mailto:aisaac@garychurch.org) and bringing \$7 per ticket to Alexa or the Church Office. Meet at and return to Gary. Don't forget to bring some extra money to the game for food and drinks! Families are invited to join us, but students can still come solo.

**CIY Mix Camp for Middle School students:** July 30–Aug. 2. We'll be joining Christ in Youth for worship, small groups, and games in southern IL. Register your students at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org). The cost is \$350.

## Opportunities at Gary Church

**The Sermons of John Wesley:** Thursdays, through Aug. 30 from 10–11 a.m. in the Heritage Room. Each week we will explore a sermon of John Wesley to help us understand our Methodist heritage, theology, and the thoughts of our founder. Attend as often as your summer schedule allows.

**The Grief Support Group** will meet informally for coffee on July 25 and Aug. 22 at 10 a.m. in the Commons. All are welcome.

**Courtyard Book Club:** July 16 at 7 p.m. in the Courtyard (Commons E in case of rain). Join Kim Austin to discuss *A Path Appears* by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. On Aug. 13 at 7 p.m., Pastor Chris will lead a discussion of *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* by Father James Martin. Sign-up sheets and additional details are available outside of the Church Office.

**Second Annual All-Church Volunteer Training:** Aug. 12 from 3–5 p.m. in the Commons. Mark your calendar for this important time for all volunteers to come together, get updates, and unite our vision for the upcoming ministry season.

## Please Note

**We are updating our annual Guide Book and Directory.** Subsidized by local businesses that advertise, this book is provided and mailed to each family at no cost to the church. If you own or manage a business and wish to inquire about advertising in our book, contact the Church Office by July 13.

**Gary Preschool is looking to hire** a lead teacher and an assistant teacher for the Tuesday/Thursday Parents' Morning Out program. Substitute teachers are also needed. Contact Kirsten McCluskey at [preschool@garychurch.org](mailto:preschool@garychurch.org) for more information.

**A Note from the Finance Committee:** During the summer as you prepare for your vacation, please remember your gifts that help support the missions and ministry of Gary Church. If you would like to sign up to give electronically, visit our website.

**Summer Music:** Our choral and instrumental ensembles are taking a break during the summer. Adults and students, are invited to share your musical gifts during this time! We have openings for Sundays through Sept. 2. To sign up to sing or play an instrument in worship, contact the Church Office.

*For more information visit [www.garychurch.org](http://www.garychurch.org) or the Chimes newsletter.*