Exciting Summer Opportunity!

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.

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 for more information and to register for this enlightening day. The \$50 fee includes a continental breakfast and lunch.





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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 to learn more.

Aug. is Gary's month at ESSE (adult day care). During this month, Gary members and friends provide visits and treats to the Wheaton site located within St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Contact Deb Connor through the Church Office to volunteer.

Cooks Night Out to Support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF): Aug. 7 from 5–8 p.m. Grace Macabobby, Gary Church member and JDRF Youth Ambassador, has planned this fundraiser at Chick-fil-A in Wheaton. A portion of the proceeds on purchases made will be donated to JDRF, but *you must mention JDRF when you order.* Also, for a \$1 donation to JDRF, you can spin the "Chick-fil-A Wheel" for a chance to win free product. Enjoy a night out while benefiting a great cause!

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.

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 today from 1–3 p.m.

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 Aug. 9 from 8:45–10 p.m.

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. The cost is \$350.

Serve Sunday: Aug. 5 from 3–4 p.m. at Brighton Gardens (831 Butterfield Rd, Wheaton). Middle and high school students, join us for bingo with the seniors at Brighton Gardens!

Opportunities at Gary Church

The Sermons of John Wesley: Thursdays in the Heritage Room through Aug. 30 from 10–11 a.m. 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 you can.

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.

Please Note

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 for more information.

A Note from the Finance Committee: As you prepare for your summer 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 this 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 or the <u>Chimes</u> newsletter.



Growing closer to God and each other through nature, worship, and play

Pine Lake Camp, Westfield, WI

Families of all ages and sizes are invited to gather at Pine Lake Camp, WI for a weekend celebrating faith, fellowship, and family! *Registration, pricing, and activity details are online at garychurch.org.*



Join us for our second annual training session!

Sunday, August 12, 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Commons

- Get updates and review church policies and procedures designed for the safety of those we serve as well as for the protection of Gary Church.
- Learn about our theme for the new ministry year.
- Attend break-out sessions for your ministry areas.

None of us serves alone—all of our ministries are interconnected. These two important hours will help us to unite our vision and focus on how we serve as one team.