

Chimes



The Newsletter of
Gary Church
and Winfield
Community Church
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logo inside and plan to make
Gary a summer destination!



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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.

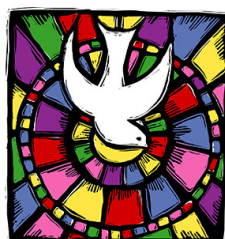


Submissions for the August/September *Chimes* newsletter are due by July 21. Announcements for the Sunday bulletin and weekly enews are due each Tuesday at noon. Send all submissions to office@garychurch.org.

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Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2019, and thank you to their Sponsors!

Max Crisostomo	David Ourada
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Sam Jones	Tanner Isaac
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Confirmation



From April 23 to May 5, eighteen Gary Church travelers ventured to Israel and Jordan for a “Spiritual Pilgrimage: A Dual Narrative Experience.” This group toured numerous holy sites for all Abrahamic faiths and heard stories about the region’s current political climate from both Israelis and Palestinians. Pastor Chris, Carey Bebar, and Holly Trueblood share reflections on this journey that enriched the faith of our travelers and called them deeper into life as followers of Christ Jesus.

A City Built on a Hill

by Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson

Standing on the traditional site of the Mount of Beatitudes with members of Gary Church this past month is a moment that I hold dear in my heart. Unlike the hustle and bustle, the crowds and the tension one experiences at places like the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the Mount of Beatitudes allows for contemplation. The surroundings are pastoral in this region where Jesus lived and taught. Among Jesus’ most significant teaching is what is known as the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). It is here that Jesus taught his disciples and pronounced present and future “blessings” upon those with their backs against the wall and those who choose to follow a God agenda in this world and the world that is to come.

Yet, after blessing them, Jesus defines them and their mission:

“You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5: 13-16).

A city built on a hill, and a light on a lampstand are meant to be seen. In reflecting on this passage, John Wesley preached, “Your holiness makes you as conspicuous as the sun in the sky. You cannot hide your Christian character. Love cannot be hidden any more than can light. Least of all, it cannot be hidden when it shines forth in action. When you exercise yourself in a labor of love, in any kind of good work, you are observed. We may as well try to hide a city as to hide a Christian. It is the purpose of God that every Christian should be in open view. He is to give light to all that are in the house.”



We have been gifted and blessed by Christ for the sake of others and to give glory to God.

This basic teaching of Jesus and preaching of Wesley sometimes find themselves at odds with our cultural tendencies and how we are to live out our faith. After all, Jesus also taught a great deal about humility in the Sermon on the Mount: “Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them... when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret... when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others” (Matthew 6: 1–5).

These teachings are neither contradictory nor irreconcilable. We have been gifted and blessed by Christ for the sake of others and to give glory to God. We are lights shining in a dark place that enable others to see not us but God. Those others may be in our house or may see our works at a distance.

The Arab Christian communities we met in the Holy Land are bright lights and salt of the earth. Though small in number, they continue to bear witness to what God is doing in the world. They are “peacemakers,” “comforters.” They hunger and thirst for righteousness and yet remain faithful to the gospel. Worshiping with a Christian community on Easter (Orthodox) and experiencing their hospitality and welcome are also fond memories and the beginning of new relationships with brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. They offered hospitality in the midst of hostility, and a clear message that the land belongs to God and we all belong to the land equally.

In the midst of division and hostility, how are we as Christians allowing our light to shine before others?

How are we bringing glory to the Christ we follow?

How are we being a people of the beatitudes—a people of blessing?

Are you conspicuous in your Christian walk, shining forth in action?

Let us consider again Christ’s teaching, Wesley’s preaching—how God is leading us.

Christopher L. Pearson



Reflection on the Western or ‘Wailing’ Wall
by Holly Trueblood



This is the only remains of the second temple. It was part of the foundation wall, rather than the wall of the temple itself, but it was there, real and authentic from ancient times. This was a real thing. Standing above these stones on the floor of the temple, Jesus stood and taught. All year long, Jews and visitors come to pray at this place. The tradition is to write prayers on a bit of paper and try to stick it into a crack in the wall.

After all the long lines and the jostling, and a not particularly religious experience in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, I was not expecting the reaction I had as we approached the wall on the women's side. The crowd was thick with women of every age and dress. Some reading from Hebrew prayer books, some dressed in saris and everything else in between. The Gary group became separated—each of us an island unto ourselves as we were surrounded by the crowd and pressed closer and closer, but never quite close enough. Another hand was always reaching, straining to touch the stones just in front of us. Some women were so deep in prayer that they never moved, nearly crushed into their places against the wall. Others rocked as they prayed, many wept. I was suddenly awash with the experience of the deep grief, desperation, passion, and devotion of these sisters from all over the world, pouring out their deepest longing as they clung in this precious moment with palms pressed or fingers barely touching this ancient wall. Whether there was ever any power or holiness in the stones themselves, I was certain that the deep emotions of all these women and the power of this sisterhood imbued this place with holiness.

When I finally got to reach a rough stone with my fingertips, I prayed for the only thing that seemed to matter at that moment—peace in this place and answers for the prayers of all those sisters around me.

Reflection from Mt. Nebo
by Carey Bebar



With our own eyes, we have seen the promised land revealed to Moses on his last day. We have walked the ruins of Jericho, shaded by palm trees. In Naphtali, we stood on the shores of Galilee, standing where Christ called his disciples. And in Benjamin and Judah, we touched the stones of the temple and covered our heads before the tombs of Sara, Isaac, and Rebekah. We have talked with the descendants of Abraham: Jews, Christians, Muslims, all shepherds of this promised land.

It sounds like a Hollywood ending—these children of faith together in this most holy land. It sounds like a Hollywood ending, but it's not. Oppression, injustice, and conflict rage on. The week we visited, eight people died in the Gaza bombings, a young mother and her baby among them. I cannot believe, I will not believe that this place is God's promise revealed; rather I think that the revelation of that promise goes on and we are a part of its fruition.

So many times in our travels we asked, "What can we do?" The first step is knowing that we can do something. Small actions like sharing the stories we heard, writing our representatives, and supporting mission in the Holy Land are all ways we can be like the peacemakers whom Jesus called the children of God. It is my strong belief that we are all children of God, longing to dwell in God's holy place... a place of love, hope, joy, and peace... a place of promise indeed.

Adult Christian Education and Discipleship

Find your Place



Sunday Morning Classes

Gospel in the City

June 9, 10 a.m. in the Chapel, led by Dr. Christa Tooley

This course explores what Christian interactions with cities have been like in the US: How have Christians thought about cities and the people in them? How has this shaped Christian action in the cities and the suburbs? We will consider historic and contemporary patterns and think together about their significance for the church.

Reflections on the Holy Land

June 16 and 23, 10 a.m. in the Chapel
Hear reflections from Gary Church members who traveled to Israel and Jordan this spring.

Inner Walls Art Expo

June 30, 10 a.m. in the Commons
Artists from the Burning Bush art show "Inner Walls" will be present in the Commons. All ages are invited to view their works and hear their stories. Children will enjoy a special craft station to create their own artistic piece!

Summer Mission Sundays

July 14 and August 11, 10 a.m. in the Commons

Our Sunday School classes are taking a short summer break, but we have two special Sundays planned when all ages will gather at 10 a.m. for a hands-on mission project. Mark your calendar and plan to be part of this great intergenerational experience.

Sunday School classes for all ages will resume on August 25.

Weekday Study

The Sermons of John Wesley

Wednesdays, June 5–Aug 28, 10 a.m. in the Anderson Room

Join Holly Trueblood and Donna Trieschman for this summer class to explore one sermon of John Wesley each week. Available online and free to download, these sermons help us better understand our Methodist heritage, theology, and the thoughts of our founder. Attend weekly or as often as your summer schedule allows. Come discover how readable Wesley really is and how much we can learn from his words.



Disciplines Study Group

Mondays, resuming June 24, 10 a.m. in Commons E

This weekly group reads and discusses *The Upper Room Disciplines*, a book of lectionary-based daily devotions. New participants are always welcome.

Summer Connections

Gary Walkers and Talkers

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. in the Commons

This group meets all year long. Join the conversation any time!

Care Card Ministry

Thursdays, 1 p.m. in the Heritage Room

Explore your creative side this summer. This group creates hand-made cards that are sent to Gary members and friends who could use a word of encouragement or tender loving care.

Gary Gardeners

ongoing through the summer

If you'd like to help care for the gardens surrounding Gary, contact Pat Johnson through the Church Office.

Fourth Friday Game Night

Fridays, June 28, July 26, August 23, 7 p.m. in the Commons

If you are looking for an evening of good fellowship and fun, come for games like Bridge, Dominoes, and Scrabble. All levels of play are welcome.

For information on other classes and fellowship opportunities, see the Events Calendar at garychurch.org.



Gary Youth Update

Summer Kick-Off

Friday, June 14, 7–8:30 p.m.

Join us outside at Winfield UMC for a party worthy of kicking off the summer, welcoming our new fifth graders, and celebrating the end of another school year! We'll have plenty of food!



Check out our Summer Bible studies beginning in July!

Middle School

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. at the church

Led by Alexa and Anna Erickson, using "Everybody Always" by Bob Goff

High School

Sundays, 8:45–10 p.m. at the Isaac's house (We moved... make sure you have our new address!)

Led by Alexa, Tanner, and Anna, working through another round of "Can I Ask That?"

Be sure to pick up a copy of the full summer calendar in the Commons.

Summer shirts are back!

We want students to always feel like they are wrapped up in a big hug from GY no matter where they are. These super soft tees can remind them of the friends and adults who love them! Good quality, super comfy (they only get softer as you wash!), and a great message. Check them out upstairs and grab yours for \$15 anytime the Church Office is open!

There are still a few spots open for camp! Registration is online at garychurch.org.

HS MOVE Camp

June 24–29, \$350/student

MS MIX Camp

July 29–August 2, \$350/student

They Believe WHAT?

By Alexa Isaac

Hey Parents!

We're continuing to explore some of the sub-themes of Sticky Faith as we think about building lifelong faith in our students.

Dr. Christian Smith and Melinda Lundquist Denton at Notre Dame study adolescence, faith, and identity development. Their study of thousands of teens across various religious traditions (The National Study of Youth and Religion) has had a major impact on how people understand the spiritual lives of adolescents.

In a nutshell, they found that most teens, no matter what religious tradition they claim,* tend to believe the same thing: Moralistic Therapeutic Deism (MTD).

That's fancy, isn't it? But what does it mean? If you look at each word, you get a sense for what this "faith" is about:

- **Moralistic:** I should try to be good. That's the most important marker of faith.
- **Therapeutic:** God exists so that I will feel good about myself and my life. God wants me to be happy and have a good day.
- **Deism:** God is "out there," available if I need him, but not really involved in my day-to-day life. God is like a genie I can summon when I need a special favor.

In effect, teenagers are being socialized into a kind of faith that does not look like the life of discipleship Jesus invites us to follow. It's watered down, self-centered, and does not have much, if anything, to do with grace-based, intimate, justice-oriented message of Christ.

Given this research, it might not be surprising that when the Fuller Youth Institute asked youth group graduates what Christianity was all about, 35 percent gave an answer that didn't mention Jesus at all.

Here's what we're wondering at Gary. *Are we talking about our faith in a way that is unique and truly Christian? Are we talking about Jesus, grace, and the great story of God's work in the world? What do you think your kids would say? How would you answer that for yourself?*

I look forward to exploring this more alongside you, as we connect our students to the true meaning of life in Christ!

(For a clear application of The National Study of Youth and Religion's findings to the Christian church, see Kenda Creasy Dean's book *Almost Christian*.)

Alexa

*The two exceptions were Mormon teens and Orthodox Jewish teens.



Kids' Church

June–August, 9 a.m.

Praise, prayer, and play in our interactive curriculum DIG IN continue all summer long following Children's Time for children Preschool 3–Grade 3.

Step-Up Sunday

June 9, 9 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Students of all ages will “step-up” a grade level for Christian Education in summer and fall!

Blast Off! Sunday School

June 9–23, 10 a.m. in the Lower Level

Gary Kids will “launch” into summer with a new summer series from Grow.

Helping Hands Mission

July 15 and August 11, 10 a.m. in the Commons

While 10 a.m. Sunday School is on summer break in July and early August, we have two special Mission Sundays when all ages will come gather for a hands-on mission project. Plan to join us July 15 and August 11 at 10 a.m. in the Commons. Weekly Sunday School will resume on August 25.



Kids' Church & Sunday School Leaders Needed for the 2019–20 Gary Kids Season!

August 25, 2019–May 31, 2020

The heartbeat of Gary Kids pulses on Sunday mornings when we share the love of God with children and help nourish life-long relationships with his son, Jesus. With eighteen volunteer spots per Sunday, many hands are needed for this ministry to thrive. Check out these awesome opportunities and help Gary Kids grow in faith. Contact Carey Bebar for more information.

• LEAD KIDS' CHURCH:

Work with a team one Sunday a month using the online curriculum, DIG IN, to help Gary Kids engage in meaningful and age-appropriate worship.

• ASSIST KIDS' CHURCH:

Assist the Kids' Church leaders one Sunday a month. No preparation is required.

• LEAD SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Work with a team on a rotational schedule to share the love of God and nourish life-long relationships with Jesus. Leaders will prepare lessons from the online curriculum, DIG IN.

• ASSIST SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Work with a team on a rotational schedule to share the love of God and nourish life-long relationships with Jesus. No preparation is required for the assistant position.

Leaders and Assistants are needed

for all classes: Preschool 3's & 4's, Kindergarten, first and second, third, and fourth and fifth grade.

Save the Date for Bible Sunday, August 25, 2019!

Bibles will be presented to Confirmation students and Third Grade Bible students during the 9 a.m. Worship Service on this special Sunday.

Support VBS and BLAST Camp!

June 17–21, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. at Gary Church

We're sharing the love of Christ with about 270 area children. Adults and high school students can work with the kids as crew leaders or assistant leaders. Register to help the whole week or just a couple days at www.garychurch.org. Plus, check out the other volunteer opportunities for one of Gary's largest outreach programs!

VBS and Blast Volunteer Meeting

Sunday, June 9, 4 p.m. in the Activity Center

Volunteers will receive materials for their VBS or Blast roles and meet their ministry teams.

Building VBS

We're transforming the church into an African adventure for Roar VBS. Many hands are needed! There are opportunities for all ages. RSVP for these events at office@garychurch.org.

Take-Home Decorating Kit

June 1–12 | Pick up a kit in the Church Office, complete it, and return it by June 12.

The Big Build!

Tuesday, June 11 and Thursday, June 13, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Strong hands needed to assemble scaffolding!

Family Night!

Wednesday, June 12, 5 p.m. | All ages and skill levels are welcome for pizza and decorating. Childcare offered for children age 4 and under when requested through the Church Office.

Final Set-Up!

Saturday, June 15, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. | Help finish decorating, stuff family packs, and make crew signs.

Roar VBS Tear-Down

Friday, June 21, 12:30–1:30 p.m. | Strike the set. Everything must go.

Roar Donations Needed

We're looking for a few donations to keep or borrow! Place your name and contact information on all items you would like returned.

Donations can be left in the Lower Level Resource room starting June 1.

- Colorful Fabric/Sheets
- Wood Crates
- African Baskets/Décor
- Colorful rugs/blankets



VBS and BLAST CAMP FAMILY EVENTS!

We're inviting the whole congregation to be part of the fun of VBS and Blast week!

"KIMMER'S KARES"

Monday, June 17, 6–10 p.m.
Kimmer's Ice Cream, 109 E. Front St.
Come enjoy two unique ice cream flavors created and named especially for VBS and BLAST Camp. Kimmer's will donate a portion of the profits to our VBS and BLAST missions.

Lunch at Shane's

Tuesday, June 18, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Grab some friends and head to Shane's for lunch. 10% of all purchases will be donated to People's Resource Center

Family Meet-Up "Concert on the Park"

Tuesday, June 18, 7–8:30 p.m.
VBS and Blast families can meet up at the Wheaton Public Library's "Concert on the Park" to listen to a rock 'n roll oldies cover band play hits from the 60s and 70s. All are welcome to this free event.

BLAST Camp Car Wash

Wednesday, June 19
9:45–11:30 a.m. at Gary Church
Come get your car washed by our energetic Blast Campers. They'll be ready with buckets and hoses, and all donations will go to People's Resource Center.



Families of all ages are invited!



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

FAMILY CAMP 2019

Pine Lake Camp, Westfield, WI

Itinerary

Friday

Check-In, Potluck @ Pine Lake, Campfire Songs & S'mores

Saturday

Active Devotion, Free PLAY, Campy Camp Games, Flashlight Hike

Sunday

Worship @ Pine Lake, Check-Out

Activities

Swimming, canoeing, hiking, archery, volleyball, basketball, fishing & more!

Accommodations

Retreat Center Room

Hotel style room with private bath including 1 queen bed and 1 twin bed with twin trundle

\$160 per room plus \$30 per person after 2 (Family of 3...\$190, Family of 4...\$220, etc.)

Rustic Cabin

Cabins can be shared by more than one family.

\$40 per person
Includes electricity, table and chairs, cold running water and toilet, twin beds, bunk beds, with a shared bath house

Meals

Friday Potluck @ Pine Lake

Saturday Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Sunday Breakfast & Lunch

Youth and Adults (ages 13+) \$65 per person, Children (3-12 years) \$40 per person

Register online at
garychurch.org



LUX CD!

Many have inquired about a recording of *LUX: The Dawn from On High*, by Dan Forrest, performed in worship by Gary's Festival Choir and Orchestra on March 3. The CD is available through the Church Office. A small donation of any amount to the Music Department helps cover the cost of production. A larger donation would also help to fund our performance at the Illinois American Choral Directors Association in October! We hope that this beautiful recording is a blessing to you, and we offer all honor and thanks to God.

Early Bird Choir

Do you miss singing during the summer? Please join us in the Choir Room one hour before the service on the following Sundays to prepare an easy anthem to share that same day:

June 2 - Rehearse at 9 a.m. to sing at 10 a.m.

July 7 - Rehearse at 8 a.m. to sing at 9 a.m.

August 4 - Rehearse at 8 a.m. to sing at 9 a.m.

Seeking Summer Musicians

We invite you to share your musical gifts during the summer while our standing groups enjoy a restful break! If you are interested, please email Jennifer (jwhiting@garychurch.org) with the following information: song title, composer and arranger, instrumentation, dates you are available. Thank you for considering serving our church family in this way! "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 96:9, KJV).



IL-ACDA Honors Gary Festival Choir and Orchestra

We are pleased to announce that Gary United Methodist 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 on October 26, 2019. Rarely are church choirs chosen to perform at these events. We accept this invitation as a true blessing, and as an opportunity to shine the light ("lux") of our gospel mission into the broader community!

Choral directors and choirs from all over the state will gather at Wheaton College for a two-day conference that includes headliner Dr. Ramona Wis from North Central College, and Dr. Mary Hopper, who will conduct the High School Honor Choir in a performance of Fauré's *Requiem*. Professional choral directors will attend workshops on conducting techniques and vocal issues. Some of the state's finest children's, high school, and adult choirs will perform, including our own Festival Choir and Orchestra.

This is an outstanding opportunity for Gary Church to extend our reach, to exhibit what we accomplish together by God's grace, and to demonstrate our faith publicly through the gift of music. Look for upcoming announcements about how to obtain tickets for our performance of *LUX*, which takes place at College Church on October 26.

We ask for your prayers and support as we gather the resources and musicians to accomplish this magnificent work again, for the mission of Gary Church and for the greater glory of God!

Gary Summer Meet-up

in the

Park



We love being part of downtown Wheaton. With Memorial Park to our west and Adams Park to our east, there's always plenty of summer activity—including many free concerts that provide a great time to meet up with Gary friends. We've planned one park meet-up each month. It's a simple and fun way to connect over the busy summer months.

Wheaton Public Library Concerts on the Park

Tuesdays, 7 p.m. | Library's West Plaza

* Tuesday, June 18:

FrontRow – 60s and 70s rock 'n roll cover band

This one's our June **meet-up**. It's VBS and Blast week so look for the t-shirts to find other Gary folks.

Tuesday, July 16:

Tropixplosion – Caribbean show band

Tuesday, August 6:

June's Got the Cash – John Cash and June Carter tribute show



Music Mondays in the Park

(Sponsored by Wheaton Park District)

Mondays, 6:30 p.m. | Memorial Park

Monday, July 8:

Peace Road – authentic “hippie-style” band

* Monday, July 15:

Rock Steady – Chicagoland cover band

Our second **meet-up** is this night of family-friendly fun. Arrive at 6 p.m. with a picnic if you can and look for Gary friends at south-east part of the park, near the Gazebo.

Monday, July 22:

South of Disorder – music of Jimmy Buffet

Monday, July 29:

StingRays – 50s, 60s, 70s Rock 'n Roll



Wheaton Municipal Band Concerts

Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.

(July 3, Wednesday) | Memorial Park

Thursday, June 6:

“Showtime!”

Thursday, June 20:

Family Night / Literary Concert

Thursday, June 27: TBA

Wednesday, July 3:

Sousa / Patriotic

Thursday, July 11:

ABC Concert

Thursday, July 18:

WMB Member Favorites

Thursday, July 25:

Healing Power of Music

* Thursday, August 1:

40th Anniversary – Conductor's Favorites

Meet up with Gary friends for the last Municipal Band concert of the year. Bring chairs or a blanket and picnic food if you like. Look for the Gary vertical banner along the east side of the park.



Want to plan another park meet-up with your small group? Pick a date and let the Church Office know. We'll put it in the e-news and on Facebook to invite others.

Thanks for Your Support



Passing the Mission Leadership Torch

For six years, Allen Reed has been at the helm of the Mission and Outreach Committee, organizing and guiding the efforts of this team of lay leaders who each coordinate hands-on work or financial giving for an organization Gary supports. This year, Allen passed the torch to Joe Ruth. We are grateful to Allen for his many years of service, enabling us to share the love of Christ in the community and the world, and we thank Joe for his willingness to step into this important role.

Many thanks to all of you who walked and donated to the 2019 Wheaton/Glen Ellyn Area **CROP Walk**. We were blessed with beautiful weather and a good turn-out.



The Gary Team was 13 walkers strong, including the courageous Anna Mathis who came in her wheelchair with her booted foot! We contributed \$1300 and were among a total of 94 walkers from all participating churches. The overall proceeds total was \$15,500! Special thanks to Annie Macabobby and Anna Mathis for assisting with event coordination. Also, many thanks to the church staff who managed the information through Gary's many communication outlets.

Please keep CROP Walk in mind for next year—Sunday, May 3, 2020. Gary will be hosting the event, and we will need a strong showing of walkers and non-walking volunteers to manage the event!

~ Judy Selby, Annie Macabobby, Anna Mathis
2019 CROP Walk Coordinators

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of **the Bake and Craft Sale** on Sunday, May 5. This includes the artists, the crafters, the bakers, the buyers, all donations, helpers at the sales, as well as those involved in publicity for the sales. The \$1,770 raised will go toward the salary of one of the teachers at the Fundaniños Orphanage in Guatemala. Again, thanks to all.

~ The Gary Church Mission Commission

A big thank you to all those who donated to **Prescription for Life**. We raised over \$2,500, which supports all the programs that Outreach provides to the Older Adults in their programs. If you didn't get to return your bottle, you can still bring a donation to the Church Office. Thank you again for your help.

~ Barbara Holmes

Summer Mission Projects



Missions at a Glance

June 13, July 18:

Gary provides and serves dinner for Radical Time Out

June 16:

Peace with Justice Sunday Offering

June 30:

Fifth Sunday Appeal Supports United Voices for Children

June 30–July 1:

PADS at First Congregational Church, Glen Ellyn

Month of August:

Gary provides treats and visits to ESSE adult day care

For details on these events contact the Church Office or go to garychurch.org. A full list of the local, national, and international mission organizations that Gary Church supports is also available on our website.

Styrofoam Recycling

Sunday, June 30, 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 take them to UPS! Thanks for helping to keep Styrofoam out of landfills!



Support PADS

(Public Action to Deliver Shelter)

Gary will help provide shelter for the homeless of DuPage County on June 30 and overnight into July 1. Help is needed with bringing food, setting up and serving, staying overnight, making breakfast, and cleaning up in the morning. Sign up by going to the Gary website, scrolling down, and clicking on "PADS."

This year, several temporary changes take place because the host site (First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn) is undergoing renovations. The kitchen will likely not be available, and we will be using different rooms. This means all food will need to be brought ready-to-serve, and we will need more volunteers for every stage because we will be more spread out.

Also, DuPage PADS requires volunteers who will be present when clients are on site to register and complete a short online training (also available in person). When signing up through the Gary website, please click on the "Required Training" link at the bottom of the notes to complete this step.

If you have any questions, contact Jesse Exner either between the 9 and 11 a.m. services or through the Gary Office. We will also be providing hosts for PADS on September 29 and 30, so mark your calendar.

**Thanks,
Jesse Exner**

ESSE in August

Remember that August is our next month to support ESSE adult day care. Sign up in the Commons in late July to provide a treat or pay a visit to brighten the day of the seniors served by ESSE.



Together in Mission

JUST of DuPage

Gary Church has a long relationship with JUST of DuPage, and the organization will be our mission focus in the month of July. JUST is a nonprofit that has been working for over 30 years to meet the needs of the inmates of the DuPage County Jail and their families.

JUST volunteers provide one-on-one pastoral counseling, worship services, and Bible studies to meet the spiritual needs of inmates, both male and female. They support multiple addiction recovery programs because incarceration is often a direct or indirect result of addiction. They provide educational and life skills classes to help inmates successfully integrate back into our communities, as well as social services to help inmates and their families both before and after release.

Christ came to free the prisoner and care for the least of us. JUST works in his name to free prisoners from the causes that led to their incarceration and to raise them up before God and the community. I hope we all find it in our hearts to support the efforts of JUST and free the prisoners from their chains.

~Joe Ruth
Mission and Outreach Chair



COMMON GROUND GARDEN 2019

One of the raised beds could be yours!

The Gary/Winfield community garden now has 14 raised beds for families to have their own 4' x 12' garden. If you are looking for a sunny spot to grow tomatoes, beans, peppers, squash, and other fresh produce, this is the spot! A contribution of \$25 to the community garden fund is all you need to start. As in the past, five of these beds are used to grow produce for local food pantries. Volunteers are needed for those beds.

Contact Fred Wayland to reserve your raised bed and/or volunteer.



Gary Preschool News



Openings at Gary Preschool

We still have openings in our Parents' Morning Out program, 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 UM Preschool is hiring substitute teachers. Most subs are needed in the morning classes from 8:45–11:45. For more information, please contact Kirsten McCluskey at preschool@garychurch.org.

50th Anniversary

Gary UM Preschool wants to celebrate our 50th anniversary with the congregants and families of Gary Church and Preschool alumni! We are planning a Sunday morning celebration in the Fall of 2019. We are also collecting photos from past students and their time at Gary UM 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).



Sunday, June 16– Sunday, June 30

In a popular TV cloak and dagger show from the 1970s, an agent had to go through several secured doors before he was allowed into the inner sanctum. Our inner life might have walls to protect us from being too vulnerable...but those walls might also hinder us from experiencing the deep wonders of life. In this open show, visual artists, writers, storytellers, poets, and musicians have been invited to present their understanding of Inner Walls.

**On Sunday, June 30 artists from the Inner Walls exhibit will be in the Commons at 10 a.m. to present and discuss their work. Children will have the opportunity to create their own artistic piece.*

The Artists of Wheaton's Summer of Golf

Thursday, July 4–Sunday, July 28

Artists' Reception: Friday, July 12, 6–9 p.m.

Last year, the Wheaton Fine and Cultural Arts Commission solicited local artists to paint large golf balls that were exhibited throughout the town. This was in commemoration of the first ever USGA Senior Women's open at the Chicago Golf Club. This exhibit will feature the works of those artists.



Gallery Hours: Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. or by appointment, 708-705-8669.

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

Gary Church, United Methodism, and Human Sexuality

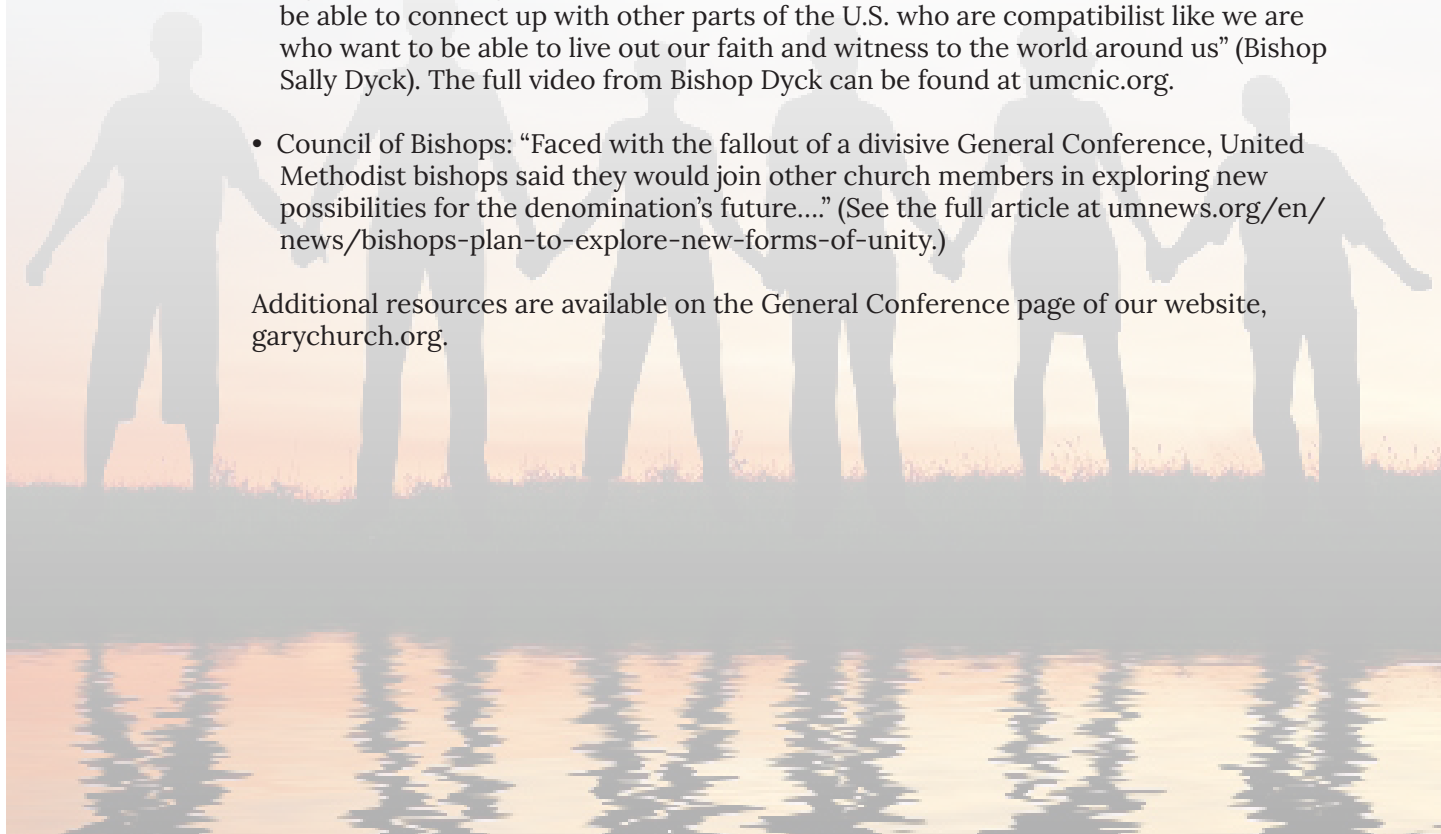


This is a challenging time for The United Methodist Church following the Special Session of the General Conference vote around human sexuality and the Judicial Council ruling that upheld much of the Traditional Plan. There is much to be determined about the future of the denomination. At both the General and Annual Conference levels, legislation is being proposed to investigate a shift in the denominational structure, which could result in a new form of Methodism.

This ongoing, deliberate process requires much prayer and discernment. Gary Church's Task Force on United Methodism and Human Sexuality is committed to providing the congregation with information, discussion forums, educational opportunities, and resources that allow for transparency and reflection in this time of flux.

- Gary Church: We offer these opportunities for grace-filled conversation and learning that honor our values rooted in God's unconditional love and our desire to love God and love our neighbor during this difficult time.
 - o Table Talks: Join task force members for an informal conversation about Gary Church, United Methodism, and Human Sexuality in the Commons on
 - Sunday, June 9 at 8:30 a.m.
 - Sunday, July 14 at 10:30 a.m.
 - Sunday, August 11 at 12 p.m.
 - o Invite a task force member to meet with your Gary Church group to answer questions and facilitate conversation. Requests can be made through the Church Office, office@garychurch.org.
 - o Look for information on Adult Education offerings this fall in the August Chimes.
- Northern Illinois Conference: "In the Northern Illinois Conference we will have legislation coming before us which will establish a task force, and this task force will be able to connect up with other parts of the U.S. who are compatibilist like we are who want to be able to live out our faith and witness to the world around us" (Bishop Sally Dyck). The full video from Bishop Dyck can be found at umcnic.org.
- Council of Bishops: "Faced with the fallout of a divisive General Conference, United Methodist bishops said they would join other church members in exploring new possibilities for the denomination's future..." (See the full article at umnews.org/en/news/bishops-plan-to-explore-new-forms-of-unity.)

Additional resources are available on the General Conference page of our website, garychurch.org.



New Members

Terry and Libby Ludwig moved to Wheaton after living in Chicago for several years and have been attending Gary for about a year. Both had careers in higher education administration. Libby recently retired as Dean at Elgin Community College. Terry, who began his career as a history teacher at York High School, worked at various Illinois colleges including serving as President of Shawnee Community College. Libby and Terry have five children and twelve grandchildren. They look forward to meeting people and getting involved at Gary. Their Connections Sponsors are Bob and Madge Drake.



Kim and Dean Savell are long-time Wheaton residents and come to Gary from Aldersgate United Methodist Church, where they were active in children's ministry and other programs when their daughters Colleen, Megan, and Jenna were younger. Dean recently retired from sales, and Kim is a substitute teacher. Their interests include travel as well as running and volunteering at COD and PRC for Kim, and gardening, basketball, and volunteering for Habitat for Humanity for Dean. At Gary, they plan to usher for the 11 a.m. service. Their Connections Sponsors are Beth and Mike Graves.

Megan Savell joins her parents in becoming a Gary member. A graduate of St. Louis University, Megan is an occupational therapist at Amita Hospital in La-Grange. Her Connections Sponsor is Christy Grace.

Betty Veihman recently moved to Wyndemere in Wheaton from Glen Ellyn. She was an active member of St. Thomas UMC for over 20 years—helping with things like the rummage sale, cookie walk, and Glen Ellyn's Walk-In Ministry, which provides emergency assistance to people in need. Betty has two children—a daughter in Atlanta and a son in Denver—and 5 grandchildren. She enjoys reading, travelling, and cooking. At Gary, she hopes to be involved in welcome ministry. Her Connections Sponsor is Allene Harding.



Our Gary/Winfield Church Family Graduates

Emma Asta, daughter of Tony & Amy Asta, graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

Eva Bein, daughter of David & Lori Bein, graduated from Wheaton Warrenville South High School and will be attending the University of Illinois, majoring in environmental studies.

Alex Bornstein, son of David & Shelley Bornstein, graduated from Wheaton North High School and will be attending The University of Iowa majoring in journalism.

Trevor Bottom, son of Eric & Melanie Bottom, graduated from Wheaton Warrenville South High School and will be attending the University of Kansas majoring in business and finance.

Eric Brunner, son of John & Nancy Brunner, graduated from Wheaton North High School and will be attending Western Michigan University majoring in mechanical engineering.

Kaitlin Buterbaugh, granddaughter of Bob & Madge Drake, graduated from Hampshire High School and will be attending Coastal Carolina University majoring in marine biology.

William Buterbaugh, grandson of Bob & Madge Drake, graduated from Hampshire High School and will be attending Benedictine University to become a physician assistant.

John Carlson, grandson of Allen & Ellen Reed, graduated from Dexter High School, Dexter, MI and will be attending Kalamazoo College majoring in political science.

Isabel Cary, daughter of Rich & Pam Cary, graduated from Wheaton North High School and will be attending the College of DuPage.

Corie Ewoldt, granddaughter of Ed Ewoldt, graduated from Rose-Hulman School of Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Computer Engineering.

Hannah Ewoldt Stutzman, granddaughter of Ed Ewoldt, graduated from Olivet Nazarene University with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology.

Logan Fraker, son of Dave & Teresa Fraker, graduated from Clarke University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. He will be going to graduate school at Aurora University.

Christina Garza, granddaughter of Bob & Madge Drake, graduated from Wheaton College master's program. She be working at Wheaton College as a clinical psychologist.

Kaila Garza, granddaughter of Bob & Madge Drake, graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Science in Business Marketing. She will be pursuing job opportunities in Chicago.

Nicholas Garza, grandson of Bob & Madge Drake, graduated from Wheaton North High School and will be attending the University of Kentucky School of Engineering.

Aleksa Heeley, granddaughter of Reg & Barbara Heeley, graduated from Queens University of Charlotte with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She will be working at Atrium Health Main Hospital.

Tom Jefferson, son of Verla Jefferson, graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a Doctorate of Business Administration in Information Systems and Enterprise Resource Management.

Cynthia Johnson, granddaughter of Norm & Judy Jay, graduated from Augustana College with a degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. She will be going to graduate school at East Tennessee State University.

Gwendolyn Jones, daughter of Rev. Brian & Beth Jones, graduated from Wheaton Warrenville South High School and will be attending Taylor University majoring in biology.

Hanna Keller, daughter of Bruce & Pam Keller, graduated from Loyola University with a Bachelor of Arts in Global and International Studies.

Joshua Keske, son of Marty & Melinda Keske, grandson of Virginia Blackwell, graduated from Metea Valley High School and will be attending the College of DuPage majoring in drama.

Erin Klage, daughter of Mark & Kathy Klage, graduated from The University of Iowa with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Secondary Education. She will be student teaching at Pleasant Valley High School in the Quad Cities.

Emma Konetski, daughter of Jim & Danica Konetski, graduated from Wheaton Warrenville South High School and will be attending the College of DuPage.

Rachael Lemna, daughter of Gary & Becky Lemna, graduated from Eastman School of Music with a Master of Music in Cello Performance and Literature.

William Meyer, grandson of Allen & Ellen Reed, graduated from Grayslake North High School and will be attending The University of Iowa majoring in engineering and business.

Kevin Ruhl, grandson of Paul & Joan Stevens, graduated from the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, with a Bachelor of Music Education. He will be the choral director at Wausau West High School, Wausua, WI.

Ashley Sanstrom, daughter of Joe & Lisa Sanstrom, graduated from Wheaton North High School and will be attending the College of DuPage.

Roger Sanstrom, son of Joe & Lisa Sanstrom, graduated from Wheaton North High School and will be attending the University of Illinois majoring in music composition and statistics.

Maggie Shaughnessy, daughter of Helen Shaughnessy, graduated from Metea Valley High School and will be attending Augustana College.

Naomi Venezia, daughter of Tony & Becky Venezia, graduated from the University of Wisconsin Madison with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. She is working in human resources for Eat Street in Madison.

All-Church Training

Sunday, August 18, 3–5 p.m. in the Commons

Mark your calendar for our third annual training session. Get updates on church policies and procedures, learn the theme for the new ministry year, and attend a break-out session for your ministry area. These two important hours will help us to unite our vision and focus on how we serve as one team.



Have a new email address or phone number?

The Gary/Winfield Guide Book Directory is being updated. Have you changed your email, dropped your landline, or moved? Please let the Church Office know by July 1. Email addresses are a part of this directory. If you do not want yours published, or if you wish to add a family member's email address, contact the Church Office by July 1.

Thank You

To Our Gary Family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, meals, hugs, love, visits... the list goes on; all of it truly meant so much to our family. We appreciate how you wrapped your arms around and lifted up, not just the Mann family but also my dad, whom many of you only recently met. We are grateful to Pastor Chris for his visits to the hospital and his counsel. Thank you to Pastor Brian for coming to hospital and reading scripture and performing the committal service at my mother's bedside. We are blessed to have this wonderful extended family known as Gary Church.

Gratefully,
Liesl, Dave, Warren, Alyn and Chase

Congratulations

Jeff & JoAnna Fowler on the birth of their son, Ethan Charles, on May 18. Grandparents are Gary & Jeanene Fowler.

Our Sympathy

Penny Gillen, John Erhardt, and Susan Erhardt on the death of their mother, Dorothy Erhardt, on May 13. A Memorial Service will be held on June 7 at 2 p.m. in Gary's Sanctuary.

Betty Willyard, former Gary member, passed away on May 26.

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

Something You Should Know: Wesley's Three General Rules

By Pastor Bruce Anderson

The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, had three general rules for life that he tried to live by, and “stay in love with God.” They might sound easy, but, as with all things of God and religion, they may be more difficult than they seem at first.

Grace and responsibility are key components of Wesleyan Christianity. For John Wesley, God's grace must have practical application or it is of little use. In other words, grace is not just an idea, but a free gift and experience we can cultivate through practices designed by God.¹

Do no harm – Most of us think we are doing pretty well with this one. We probably haven't killed or injured anyone lately, but if we take time to contemplate the meaning(s) of harm more deeply, we may find we have not done as well as we could in this area. When we get angry with someone, we can be doing harm to ourselves, especially if this anger is sustained and grows. Anger causes negative physical changes in our minds and bodies; therefore, we are doing harm to ourselves. And if we express this anger thoughtlessly, we may be doing harm to the object of our anger, especially if we are angry with a child. Depending upon how it is expressed, adult anger can cause a great deal of fear in a child leading to physical and mental/emotional damage to a child's fragile developing self. We can also do harm by not doing anything. Sin is probably most often through omission, rather than commission. To quote Edmond Burke, “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men (people) to do nothing.”

Do good – We also may believe that since we do not consciously do bad things, we are doing good. The quote from Edmond Burke above applies here as well. Doing good is not the same as not doing harm. This is an action thing. We need to actually do good for someone. Jesus tells us that this can be as simple as giving a cup of cold water (Matthew 10:42), and I would add offering

a willing ear or a sympathetic touch (where appropriate). There are many ways we do good and help, if we are paying attention—especially with things as angry and polarized as they are today. A little compassion and attempted understanding can go a long way to diffuse a tense situation.

Stay in love with God (originally, “Attending upon all the ordinances of God”) – This too is not just a state of mind. Remember Wesley is big on responsibility and action, so for him loving God is also active. We must practice God's means of grace, which are attending church, taking communion, reading and studying the scriptures, fasting, and praying. These are gifts of love from God for us to keep deepening our relationship with God. You might note that Jesus did all these things, including reinterpreting scripture so that people could understand what it meant rather than blindly adhering to the letter of the law, as the Pharisees were wont to do.

We find ourselves in rather uncharitable and ungracious times. We desperately seek certainty in a world that does not offer it freely. People are often judgmental without seeking to understand what others really mean. And sometimes we may not be all too clear on what we mean ourselves. Now, more than ever, is a time to offer grace and charity. It is a time to be curious and look below our immediate concept of what something means to try to find true meanings. There are a lot of words that trigger immediate angry responses because we think we know what someone is saying, without really understanding at all. Simply asking for clarification about what it means to someone when they use a particular phrase can often be both surprising and enlightening. And it can lead to interesting conversations, rather than cutting them off before they begin.

Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God. It may be harder than it seems but can be quite rewarding if we work at it. Grace and peace to you in our lord Jesus Christ.

¹ Charlie Baber, October 5, 2017, UM-Insight.com



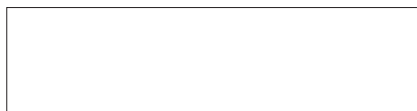


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It's summer and Gary is in session!



Our summer Sunday schedule:

- 9 and 11 a.m. Worship Services and 9 a.m. Kids' Church every week
- 10 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages throughout June
- Hands-on, intergenerational mission projects at 10 a.m. on July 14 and August 11
- Weekly Sunday School resuming on August 25

Plus, look for the summer events logo inside to find plenty of weekday opportunities to grow in faith, serve our neighbors, and make connections within the church family. Plan to make Gary a summer destination.