

Gary United Methodist Church

March 29, 2020

Stay Connected to the Church Family

In this week's **@Home with Gary Kids lesson** (sent by email on Thursday), we're learning that we're invited to Jesus' party! We'll read Luke 14:7-24 and make an invitation to Gary's Online Worship Service! If you wish to be added to the Gary Kids email list, contact the [Church Office](#).

Our Own Spiritual Practices

- This week's readings: [Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, and John 11:1-45](#)
- Next week's readings: [Matthew 21:1-11, Psalm 118:1-2 and 19-29, Isaiah 50:4-9, and Phillipians 2:5-11](#)

Gary Cares Teams: Thanks to the many people who have already signed up for the Gary Cares Team. We are in the process of assigning calls. To volunteer, or if you are in need of help, complete the [Gary Cares](#) form.

Connecting through Social Media: We are sharing information, ideas, and encouragement at facebook.com/garyumc. You can also join one of our private Facebook groups.

- Gary Kids: devotions and activities to help kids grow in faith at home—and a way for Gary families to stay connected
- Gary Youth Parents: a place for parents of middle and high school students—and parents with college students now back at home—to share resources
- Adult Christian Ed: devotions and resources to continue journeying in faith together

Stay Connected to the Mission

Care Ministry Fund: This fund is available for church members who are experiencing financial need. If you wish to contribute, please note "Care Ministry" on your gift. Anyone currently experiencing financial need is invited to contact Pastors [Chris](#) or [Brian](#).

Local Ministry Partners:

- *People's Resource Center:* The food pantry remains open with a pick-up service of pre-packed food bags. Monetary donations are currently most helpful and can be made at peoplesrc.org.
- *PADS:* All Interim (Overnight) Housing shelter sites and the Client Service Center are currently closed. PADS is identifying alternative ways to serve homeless clients. You can help by donating from the list of essential items found on their website. <https://dupagepads.org/covid-19/>
- *United Voices for Children Fifth Sunday Appeal:* Join with other congregations in the Northern Illinois Conference in supporting UVC's affiliate agencies—ChildServ, MYSI, and Rosecrance—that serve children, youth, and families in need. Contributions can be made on Gary's online giving page.
- "Separate but Together" CROP Walk: Walk anywhere and any distance, but let's all walk at the same time—Sunday, May 3 at 1 p.m.—and for the same cause—raising funds to fight hunger. You can register to walk and donate at the [CROP Walk](#) website.

Your tithes and offerings: It is crucial that we continue our mission and ministry, and now more than ever, we need your help. Here are three ways to continue your tithes and offerings

- Make a regular or one-time gift online at www.garychurch.org/giving.
- Text to give by calling 844.928.1220 on a cell phone. Simply enter a dollar amount followed by the word "GARY" and follow the instructions to make a gift.
- Mail a check to Gary Church, 224 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL 60187.

