

Gary United Methodist Church

May 31, 2020

Congregational Care

Our sympathy to

The Family of Allene Harding. Allene passed away on May 30. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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.

Kids' Church and Sunday School End-of-the-Year Zoom Party: Sun., May 31, 11:15 a.m. Put on your party hats for an end-of-the-year celebration. For the Zoom meeting link and password, see the Gary Kids weekly enews or contact cbebar@garychurch.org. Also mark your calendar for our Fourth Sunday Zoom parties on June 28 and July 26 at 11:15 a.m.

Gary Youth Zoom Meetings Continue in June: High School Sunday Night is at 7 p.m. Midweek for Middle Schoolers meets Wednesday at 7 p.m. To receive text messages from Gary Youth, text "garyyouth" to 95577.

Lectionary Readings

- This week's readings: [Acts 2:1–21](#), [Psalm 104:24–34](#), [35b](#), [1 Corinthians 12:3b–13](#), and [John 7:37–39](#)
- Next week's readings: [Genesis 1:1–2:4a](#), [Psalm 8](#), [2 Corinthians 13:11–13](#), and [Matthew 28:16–20](#)

Stay Connected to the Mission

United Voices for Children Fifth Sunday Appeal: We join with other UM Churches in the Northern Illinois Conference to support at-risk children, youth, and families served by UVC's affiliated agencies—ChildServ, MYSI, and Rosecrance. To contribute, send a check to the Church Office (224 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL 60187) with UVC in the memo, or give online at garychurch.org/giving.

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 www.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.

Reach Out Week | Gary Cares: June 1-8

Gary Cares—it's about spreading love, sharing hope, and knowing we have a home within our church family and God's family. We are kicking off a campaign focused on caring for our community with "Reach Out Week" on June 1–8.

- The main idea is simple: every day next week we can all call or email someone from church. As for whom to contact, think back to the last times you were physically in worship and picture who sits next to you and others you see. Who contributes to the worship service or shares a gift other than those you possess? Who are the greeters, the ushers, the scripture readers, or musicians? Who serves the coffee in Special Blend or teaches Sunday School? Who exuberantly exclaims, "Good morning" or quietly offers a friendly smile? These are the people you can contact—even if, maybe especially if, you don't know them well.
- What will you say? It can be as simple asking, "How are you doing?" Let them know you are thinking about them and praying for them. You can ask, "How can I pray for you?"
- You may find you want to continue these calls or messages beyond one week. On the other hand, if reaching out once a day is too much, try every couple days. Even if you only contact one person, it will be meaningful.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. John 15:12

In keeping with public health recommendations and guidance from the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, all worship services will continue to be online until further notice. Face-to-face activities remain suspended and the building is closed.

See our website (www.garychurch.org) for additional ways we are staying connected during this time.

