

April 1 Easter Sunday Celebrate the Resurrection!

Gary Church Worship, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Children's Message during both services
Childcare available for infants—4 years old
Communion, 11:00 a.m.

Special Blend Fellowship, 10:00 a.m.
in the Commons

Easter Egg Hunt, 10:15 in Memorial Park
(across from Gary's parking lot)



Easter Plants

Plants are available for purchase to decorate the Sanctuary for *Easter Sunday, April 1*. The cost is \$12 per plant. Please fill out the form below and return it to the Church Office *by Today, March 18*, or you can order online at www.garychurch.org. Plants may be picked up after the 11:00 a.m. service on April 1 or during office hours the week of April 2.

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Flowers given in honor/memory of/other _____

I will pick up plant(s).

I will make the gift of plant(s) for distribution among church friends and family.



Gary United Methodist Church

224 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL
www.garychurch.org

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Gary Church in Mission

Prescription for Life: Pick up a *Prescription for Life* pill bottle and fill it with spare change, cash, and/or checks. Donations will be used to provide services (Friendly Visitor program, Mood and Memory Clinics, field trips, Lunch 'n Learn events, etc.) for older adults that are supported by the Outreach Community Center. Filled pill bottles can be returned to Gary by Mar. 25. Contact Barbara Holmes if you have any questions.

Apr. is Gary's month at ESSE (adult day care). Each Apr. and Aug., Gary Church provides visits and treats to the Wheaton site located within St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Sign up in the Commons or contact Deb Connor through the Church Office.

Children's and Youth Ministries

Gary Youth Midweek: Mar. 21 from 7–8:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Middle and high school students, join us to meet new friends and get plugged into Gary Youth ministries.

Stuffin' & Muffins: Mar. 30 at 10 a.m. in the Commons. Gary Youth will help prepare for Easter Sunday by stuffing hundreds of eggs with goodies for our annual egg hunt and the hundreds of bulletins handed out during our services. And because it's the morning, we'll have muffins for everyone.

Gary Youth Serve Sunday: Apr. 8, 3–4 p.m. Join us at Brighton Gardens Assisted Living for our monthly Bingo with the seniors there.

SuperStart: Apr. 13–14. Fourth and fifth graders, mark your calendar for one of our favorite weekends of the year. Participation details are at www.garychurch.org. Cost: \$85. Register by Apr. 3.

Gary Youth Summer Mission Trip to Nashville: June 25–30. Students completing eighth grade through those completing high school are encouraged to come. Cost: \$325 by Mar. 18 or \$350 by Apr. 29. \$50 sibling discount for additional registrations. Register at www.garychurch.org.

Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School and BLAST Camp, Jun. 18–22 at Gary Church. *Shipwrecked* VBS is for children entering Preschool 4's–grade 4. *Holiday BLAST Camp* is for students entering grades 5–8. Register through our website. Volunteers are needed and can also register through our website.

Burning Bush Art Gallery—An Outreach of Gary Church

Now Showing: *Redeemer* through Mar. 30. Experience this profound sculpture of Jesus, by artist Jeff Thompson. Join us for an artist's reception today from 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Opportunities at Gary Church

Weekly Grief Matters: Wednesdays in Commons A at 10 a.m. We welcome anyone grieving the death of someone close to be part of this group. RSVP to the Church Office.

Kiwanis Travel Adventure Cinema Series: *East African Safari*, Mar. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets available at the door. All are invited.

4th Friday Game Night: Mar. 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commons. Join adults of all ages for an evening of bridge, dominoes, friends, and fellowship.

The Lunchtime Literary Group will meet Mar. 27 at 12 p.m. to discuss *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See. Pack a lunch, and join us in Commons A.

Festival Choir Begins Apr. 5 for Robert Ray's Gospel Mass! Get ready to raise the roof with this piece to be performed in worship on May 20. Rehearsals are Thursdays Apr. 5–May 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room (max. of two absences) and a required rehearsal on May 19. Register through the Church Office.

Praise Worship: Apr. 7 at 5 p.m. at Winfield United Methodist Church. Join Gary and Winfield musicians for a praise service the first Saturday of each month.

Caleb Factor Men's Ministry: Apr. 7 at 8 a.m. in the Commons. Father Bob Miller, a priest at St. Dorothy Catholic Church, Chicago, will discuss his ministry and latest book, *Both Prayed to the Same God: Religion and Faith in the American Civil War*.

Camerata Chicago Concert with Shmuel Ashkenasi: Apr. 7 at 3 p.m. at College Church, Wheaton. Tickets can be purchased through the Church Office or on-line using coupon code GUMC for a 50% discount at www.cameratachicago.com. After discount cost: Adults \$25; seniors \$20, and students \$5.

Explore Membership: Apr. 8 from 1:30–3 p.m. in the Anderson Room. Those considering membership at Gary Church are invited to get acquainted with pastors and staff, learn more about what it means to be United Methodist and about the history of our Gary congregation. Contact Kim Austin at kaustin@garychurch.org to register.

Gary/Winfield Lunch Group will meet on Apr. 12 at 12 p.m. in Gary's Commons. Egg casserole will be provided. Bring a brunch type dish to share. Cost: \$2 per person.

Please Note

Passion Art Walk: Mar. 26-31. The story of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection comes alive as 12 stores in downtown Wheaton each host a piece of art depicting this Biblical story. For more information, visit jonahre.com.

Communion will be celebrated at the 11 a.m. service each Sunday through Easter.

Easter Egg Hunt Donations Needed: Plastic eggs and candy donations are needed for this event on Apr 1. Bring donations to the Church Office by March 28.

Nursery Volunteers Needed! We are seeking substitutes and those who can commit to serving one Sunday per month from 10–11:15 a.m. Email childcare@garychurch.org for more information.

For more information visit www.garychurch.org or the Chimes newsletter.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week Services

March 25 Palm Sunday
Worship 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. at Gary; 10:30 a.m. at Winfield

Palm Sunday Parade during 9:00 a.m. worship at Gary
Children are invited to meet in the Narthex and enter with palms during the singing of the opening hymn.

March 27 The Voices of Holy Week
Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Gary Activity Center
Enjoy a dinner featuring home-cooked dishes. RSVP to cbebar@garychurch.org.

Service of Preparation and Blessings at 7:00 p.m. in the Gary Commons

Meet some of the people around Jesus and hear their stories through drama, song, and interactive stations. Come experience Jesus' journey to the cross.

March 29 Maundy (Holy) Thursday Service
7:00 p.m. at Winfield Church
This service is a remembrance of the Last Supper of Christ and his Disciples.

March 30 Joseph Haydn's The Seven Last Words of Christ
Friday, March 30, 1:00 p.m. in the Gary Sanctuary
This contemplative experience of piano music, presented by Dr. Bill Phemister, and scripture readings is a special way to spend part of Good Friday.

Good Friday Service
Friday, March 30, 7:00 p.m. in Gary Church Sanctuary
Our traditional worship service will include scripture, prayer, and music.