

Chimes



The Newsletter
of Gary Church
and Winfield
Community Church
May 2019

"Christ died, he arose, he is with
us right now. Let us be about
sharing the Good News, for it is
such joy it cannot be contained."

~Pastor Brian

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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 June/July *Chimes* newsletter are due by May 15. Announcements for the Sunday bulletin and weekly enews are due each Tuesday at noon. Send all submissions to office@garychurch.org.

Gary and Winfield Churches use photos and videos of adults taken at events, classes, and worship for use in our printed and online publications and in social media unless an individual directs the church not to do so by completing a form available in the Church Office. We use photos or videos of minors only when their parents or guardians have given permission by signing the Gary Kids or Gary Youth registration forms, available on our website.

Lay Leader Appreciation and Invitation Sunday

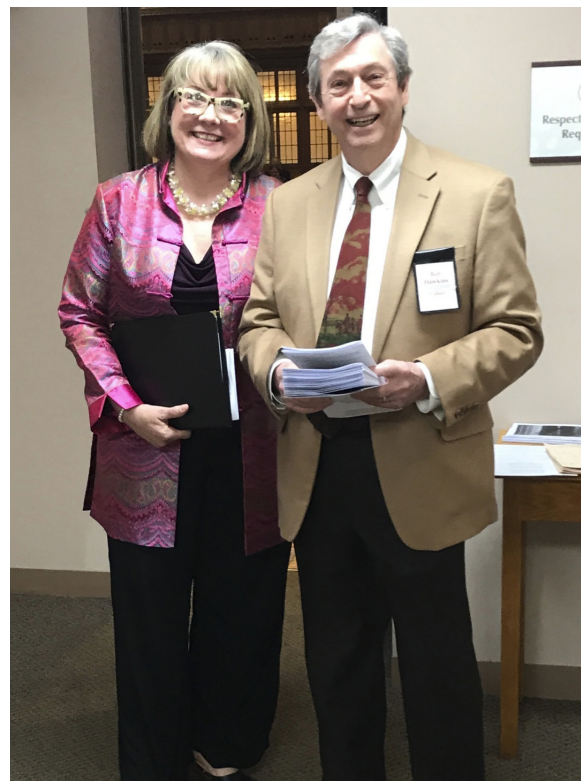
June 2

**One worship service at 10 a.m. | A shared meal |
Celebration of lay leaders | An invitation to serve**

*We're celebrating one ministry season and gearing
up for the next. Mark your calendar
and plan to be part of this special Sunday!*

Join the Usher Team

Looking for a way to serve and connect with others in our church family? Usher positions are available for both the 9 and 11 a.m. worship services. Duties include welcoming, handing out bulletins, helping people find seats, collecting offering, and cleaning up the Sanctuary. Ushers serve once every three weeks. For more information and to join the team, contact Dick Seloover through the Church Office.



Confirmed into a Great Cloud

by Rev. Brian Felker Jones

Being a United Methodist pastor's child in rural America gave me some interesting and particular insights into the Church. They may not be original or unique, but at least they are a different view than most people experience.

The congregations in which my siblings and I lived and grew in our faith and the United Methodist Church into which we all were confirmed always bring Hebrews 12:1-3 to mind:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

When I confirmed my belief that Jesus Christ was my Lord and Savior, God in turn confirmed me into a Great Cloud! It was a cloud that included six pastoral charges representing eleven congregations (my Dad was often a pastor with a circuit of congregations). Yet, when I think of those congregations, buildings and spaces rarely flash before my eyes . . . it is faces. Ms. Cheryl who taught me to love and memorize scripture. Ms. Ruby and Ms. Myrna who helped me learn to sing the hymns and songs of God and to be unashamed in praising God aloud, even if others look askance at you. Ms. Janie and Mr. Larry who taught me how to love each other as a Christian couple and work in places where your job will challenge you, but how you can be a faithful and powerful witness in that hard context. Or Ms. Ann, who taught me education and faith are not something which oppose one another.

Education can deepen and enliven your faith and help you to spread it in ways you could not have imagined before. I could fill up pages mentioning names that flash before my eyes. However, all these people, from different places and congregations were the Church or Great Cloud of Witnesses in which I was confirmed. They were not perfect or always right.

Yet, by their witness and intentional interaction in my life, they helped me throw off things which hindered me from following Christ and sins that entangled me. I would not be a person who seeks to be a disciple of Christ without them.



One of my favorite pictures of Gary Church is this one from April 2018 when we confirmed 21 students. It is not because I am in it (in fact, you can barely see Pastor Chris and me behind all those growing Confirmands).

*we may only be one part of a
greater cloud of witnesses*

The picture is my favorite because it visually shows us what Confirmation is all about: young people putting their faith into the grace, sacrifice, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as God confirms them into a Great Cloud of Witnesses. Faith in Christ cannot happen alone; it requires a community to encourage, fortify, challenge, and grow this faith.

Our students need Gary Church. Yes, Gary Church provides for them an amazing worship space, beautiful music, and a place of safety. However, what they need most is not a building space . . . they need you and your ongoing experience of salvation found only in Christ Jesus. It is true we may only be one part of a greater cloud of witnesses they will experience in their life. But you will play a pivotal and foundational role in their faith. I know this to be true—for I am living proof. I encourage you to intentionally become part of our students' lives at Gary Church through the Pray For Me Campaign, Gary Kids, Gary Youth, or our College Ministry. What a great opportunity we have here at Gary Church to help students fall in love and follow Christ as Savior . . . and in so doing those students help the rest of us as well. Students encourage and challenge our faith, exciting us to more faithfully follow Christ as Lord and Savior. They will help us *not grow weary or lose heart* in our Savior or his salvation in this world!

Brian Felker Jones



Confirmation Sunday 2019 is May 19.

Adult Christian Education and Discipleship

Find your Place

Sunday Morning Classes

Many Ways to Pray

Sundays through May 12, 10 a.m. in the Chapel, led by Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Come join us as we experiment with different ways to pray. We will explore three new ways to listen to God through visual images, dreams, and the ancient prayer of Examen. Visual images can help us see what's going on in our lives and what God wants us to understand. We will use visio divina, the practice of focusing on a photograph or work of art, to unlock meaning and listen for God's voice. Some have said that a dream is a window into the soul. We will learn practices that will help us remember our dreams and then explore what they might be telling us about ourselves, others, the world, and God. The ancient prayer of Examen was part of the *Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola*. Through the prayer of Examen we will discover a gentle way to examine our hearts before God and receive God's grace and love. Please join us!



Navigating Our Digital World

Sundays through May 26, 10 a.m. in the Anderson Room

Feel like your kids are drowning in a sea of new questions, apps, and devices? Want to talk about digital media more with your kids, but aren't sure how? Help is here.

Join Alexa Isaac to explore *Every Parent's Guide to Navigating our Digital World*, published by Fuller Youth Institute. This practical resource helps you think and talk differently about digital media, as you learn from inspiring and creative parents like you who navigate these ever-changing waters day after day.

Topics we will discuss include:

- How to teach your kids to use social media responsibly.
- How to handle the tough stuff: inappropriate sharing, bullying, and porn.
- How to set limits on when, where, and how much you use devices in your family—without isolating your kids from their friends.
- How to make digital media a force that knits your family together rather than ripping you apart at the seams.

"My favorite thing about this book is that it doesn't take a doom-and-gloom approach to technology. It recognizes the bad parts AND the good parts, providing a road map for the future."

~ Jon Acuff, New York Times bestselling author of *Do Over*

Gospel in the City

Sundays, May 19, 26, and 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.

Fellowship and Study

Eighth Grade Screening

Wednesday, May 29, 7 p.m. in the Chapel

An extension of the "Navigating Our Digital World" class, join Pastor Alexa for a special viewing of *Eighth Grade*. This poignant film addresses how modern-day youth use social media in their junior high world. Written and directed by Bo Burnham, this acclaimed coming-of-age story follows the life and struggles of an eighth-grader during her last week of classes before graduating to high school. A discussion will be held after. Please note that this movie is rated R.



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

VBS and Blast Camp Need You! Be a Leader or an Assistant!



Vacation Bible School crew leaders and assistants lead a small group of elementary age kids through a variety of hands-on activity stations. There's no preparation required, but a good crew leader is a friend and helper for the kids and station leaders. They ask questions, take kids seriously, and encourage them throughout VBS. So join the VBS team and get ready for an African adventure that engages the whole herd! Life is sometimes wild, but God is always good!

A **great Blast Camp leader** or assistant is someone willing to be silly and have fun with a our fifth–eighth grade students. Come join us to explore the world of video games and see what it can teach us about the choices we make, who God is, and our identities as followers of Christ!

Register to volunteer for either camp at garychurch.org.

Level Up! Blast Camp

VBS and Blast Volunteer Training

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

All VBS and Blast volunteers are encouraged to attend this informational training where we will celebrate a ferocious faith and learn to “level up!” Volunteers will receive materials for their VBS and BLAST roles and meet their ministry teams.

VBS and Level-Up Blast Camp: Monday–Friday, June 17–21, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Bible Essentials

Fifteen women participated in an eight-week, introductory Bible Study led by Carey Bebar and Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams. This class sought to deepen understanding of Biblical structure and stories and to help participants grow in their Biblical faith.





Gary Youth Update

Our middle & high school programming for the school year is wrapping up:

The last Word & Table for high school will be *Sunday, May 19, 6:30–8 p.m. at the Johnsons.*

The last Midweek for middle school will be *Wednesday, June 5, 7–8:30 p.m. in the Activity Center (no meeting on May 29).*

After these dates, our summer programming will begin!

Make sure to check out all our upcoming summer activities on our 2019 summer calendar....

Pick up a copy in the Commons on our bulletin board.

Summer's coming soon & we're kicking it off with a party!

Friday, June 14, 7 p.m. at Winfield UMC Bonfire + Lawn Games + S'mores for all

Have you registered for summer camps yet?

June 17–21 | **Level Up! Blast Camp**, \$30/student

June 24–29 | **HS MOVE Camp**, \$350/student

July 29–Aug 2 | **MS MIX Camp**, \$350/student

Register at garychurch.org.

Simple Family Rituals That Build Faith

By Alexa Isaac

Dear Parents,

Last month, we talked about the importance of celebrating big moments in our children's lives. But beyond recognizing milestones, simple rituals can also have big significance in the life of a teen.

The Sticky Faith research shows that the little ways a family engages faith together have major impact. For example:

- You could share a consistent meal together. If not daily, perhaps there's one dinner a week that can be set aside as a family time.
- During any meals that you are together, ask questions. Simply asking about daily activities strengthens communication and relationships for other times when the conversation might plunge even deeper.
- Start conversations in the car. Many families have shared that the car offers the single best place for them to talk about faith together.
- Talk about how faith is connected to a current event. You might say, "Have you heard about X?" Your kid might say yes or no, depending on the event. Ask an open-ended question or two such as, "What do you think about that?" or "I wonder what the people in that community are feeling..." Then, if appropriate, you might share your own reflections. For example, "It's just interesting to me as a Christian ..." or "It makes me wonder..." It's not the time for a sermon, but it could start great dialogue about faith and life.
- Create a Sunday tradition in addition to worshipping at church. Maybe you get ice cream on Sunday nights, eat at a certain restaurant for lunch, or watch a movie or TV show together.
- One family I know has a tradition called "Wow, Pow, Holy Cow." Each person shares something good (a wow), something bad (a pow), and something that pointed you to God (a "holy cow" experience).

Small traditions like this can create a regular ritual in which your family can engage faith together. It doesn't have to happen every single day, and some weeks are just crazy, but often these rituals create the space for conversation to happen more often than it would otherwise.

Does your family have any simple traditions? Would you mind emailing to tell me about one?



Super Start!

On April 12 and 13, Gary's 4th & 5th Grade Fellowship students participated in SuperStart, a weekend of energetic worship, faith-enriching lessons, an overnight at Wheatland-Salem Church, and a visit to Naperville's Ultimate Ninja Gym. The theme this year was "Conquering Gargantor - Overcoming Obstacles to Sharing Your Story." We all have a story to share—our own individual story that fits inside the greater story of God's love for all people. But there are gargantuan obstacles preteens face that keep them from sharing their story. Throughout our weekend together, the teachings centered around helping our students to conquer three of the most common obstacles: "I don't have a story to share," "I'm afraid to share my story," and "Why should I share my story?" We heard from real life American Ninja Warrior, Emily Durham, who talked about overcoming obstacles and reminded students that God will always be with them, helping them to share those stories!

"I think Super Start is amazing because it is a perfect mix between fun and worship and anyone from fourth through fifth grade should try it."

~Ben Bebar
9 years old

Upcoming Events

Helping Hands Mission

Sunday, May 5, during 9 a.m. Kids' Church

All children Preschool 3's-Grade 5 will hear from guest speaker Lisa Albrecht about caring for God's creation and will collect toilet paper and paper towel rolls for an environmental lesson. Donations can be dropped off in the Church Office throughout the week or in the Lower Level Lobby on May 5.



4th & 5th Grade Fellowship Year-End Party! Third Grade Families Welcome!

Friday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Families of third, fourth, and fifth grade students are invited to our year-end party. We will welcome third grade students and send fifth graders on to Gary Youth. Families will enjoy games in Downtown Wheaton and a picnic in the courtyard. Please bring a side dish to share and RSVP to Carey Bebar.

Kids' Church & Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Sunday May 19, 11 a.m. in Commons E

See back page.

Holy Week



Palm Sunday Celebration!

After hearing the “rocks cry out” at Children’s Time, kids enjoyed a “Hosanna in the Highest” celebration featuring themed games and tasty treats!

The sanctuary was filled with waving palms during the opening hymn.



Along the Way: A Service of Preparation and Blessing

Many gathered to experience the events and emotions of Holy Week through music, prayer, and drama.

Easter Sunday



"May you move from the things that entomb you and may you rise to new life, new life that Christ extends to all this day and everyday."

~Pastor Chris



Children celebrated the resurrection with over 1000 colorful candy-filled eggs hidden in Memorial Park. Joy, laughter, and a lot of candy were shared at this traditional Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to everyone who donated eggs and/or candy, and an especially big "thank you" to Gary Youth for stuffing all those beautiful eggs!

Who Can Match These Musicians?

by Jennifer Whiting

Our Ministers of Music have served us with joy and excellence throughout the year. As our ensembles begin a well-earned summer break, please join me in celebrating the dedicated and talented musicians who lead, accompany, and assist them!

These remarkable individuals accomplish mighty feats that beautify and deepen our worship of Almighty God. Their tools are melody, harmony, rhythm, and text, and their instruments are the very people they lead. They are masters of patience, encouragement, creativity, and empowerment. They are tireless planners, strategists, and collaborators. Their jobs of recruiting, developing, teaching, and learning never end. *These are our musicians.*

They inspire their ensembles to reach higher than they ever thought they could, to strive for excellence, and to give their very best to the Lord. They shine light on others' talents, open doors for those who want to learn, and nurture every blossoming gift. They are the most optimistic, energetic, and kind people you will ever meet. *These are our musicians.*

They are known by their laughter, their love, and their listening hearts. They invent ways to help others, find solutions around every obstacle, and trust God for every need. They help us to sing our faith. They show us how to connect our heads to our hearts, how to unify our spirits, and how to express our love to God. *These are our musicians.*

I am humbled and so very thankful to serve the Lord alongside them all.

Jill Stoffels

Assistant Director, Youth Bell Ensembles

Nancy Brunner

Director, Good News Ringers

Kristin Kalitowski-Kowal,

Director, Glory Ringers

Sharon Schmidt

Director, Altar Bells and Sanctuary Ringers

Mike Krueger

Director, Men's Chorus

Beth Graves

Director of Friendship Singers/Staff Pianist

Nick Graves

Assistant Director, Friendship Singers

Mary Ellen Rahn

Assistant Director, Cherub Choir

Ellie Pentland,

Director, Broken Together (youth ensemble)

Lesley Sharkey

Pianist, Broken Together

Kevin Lange

Principal Organist/Pianist



How well do you know our Gary Church musicians? Can you match these quotations with the correct director, pianist, or assistant? You may choose from the distinguished list on page 12. (Answers are on page 14.)

1. "Making music with Gary's young people inspires me in a million ways. Every rehearsal leaves me joyful. I'm thankful music is a path of faith exploration, and it fills me up when I watch it translate from the page to the hearts of these kids."

Musician: _____

2. "I love seeing the difference in the new ringers from the first week of rehearsals until the first time they play in church. They come in nervous, not sure they can do this, and within just a few weeks I can see a sense of wonder on their faces when they realize they are musicians. It's great when a child tells me they LOVE ringing bells. I also love the amazement and pride of parents of new ringers the first Sunday they hear their child ring in church—their child who has never read or played music of any kind. I am thankful to connect with younger families in the church and to get to know the wonderful children in my choir. We have fun in rehearsal playing a song as fast as we possibly can, playing a song as slow as we can (this is hard), or playing a song backwards. This cracks them up and we end the song in gales of laughter!"

Musician: _____

3. "Helping singers so young is fulfilling and exciting. It's extremely meaningful to introduce music to them, and I hope their experience in the group will always stay with them."

Musician: _____

4. "I love watching the children grow in their musical abilities. As I help in both youth bell ensembles, I get to see them go from beginning third graders to accomplished seniors."

Musician: _____

5. "I love how my group is made up of all different ages and personalities, yet no matter where I place them, they can laugh and joke with whom-ever they are standing beside, all the while working together on our musical presentation. I am so grateful we all enjoy our little family!"

Musician: _____

6. "When I think of something special in my choir, I go to Lessons and Carols of the past three years. I challenged the group, and they more than answered that challenge with quite memorable musical offerings, from the big and bold to the soft and contemplative. The musical growth has been extremely gratifying."

Musician: _____

7. "Almost every Sunday, we are blessed with a children's sermon, and I enjoy the challenge of sending the children on their way with a musical snippet that cleverly connects to Pastor Carey's topic."

Musician: _____

8. "I talked with the little ones about using joyful voices—not too loud, not too soft. While practicing 'This Little Light of Mine' before performing, they were still finding their voices. We remembered to sing joyfully, and once church began, they all sang brightly and proudly for the congregation. They continue to brighten our days with each practice and performance."

Musician: _____

9. "I feel truly blessed to have a front-row seat, watching the students respect, encourage, and lift each other up. It's rare to find a group of teens that shine their faith into anything and everything they do."

Musician: _____

10. "Each year, our ensembles create new memories and reinforce our traditions, just like a family—memories of faces and habits, the musical accomplishment that leads to the magic moment when our music changes the very air in the room, and listening to the recordings of worship to hear the whole piece, not just our individual parts. Traditions of a fall kick-off picnic, a winter chili lunch, and the preservation of quotes on the white board such as 'I had it until we got there!' As a subset of the Gary family, we experience joy and sorrow through our interactions and our music, creating a fellowship that enfolds us all."

Musician: _____

11. "God's enduring love, goodness, and mercy! Hearts of gratitude and lives of service! These have been the song themes this year in our choir. After so many years, I can still remember many of the songs I learned in children's choir. The themes, carried along by the wonderful melodies that never fade from memory, still remind me of who God is and who God wants me to be. I pray that our young singers will be encouraged always by the songs of faith they have learned this year, and that they will remember how greatly they have encouraged the faith of all of us who have listened to their songs!"

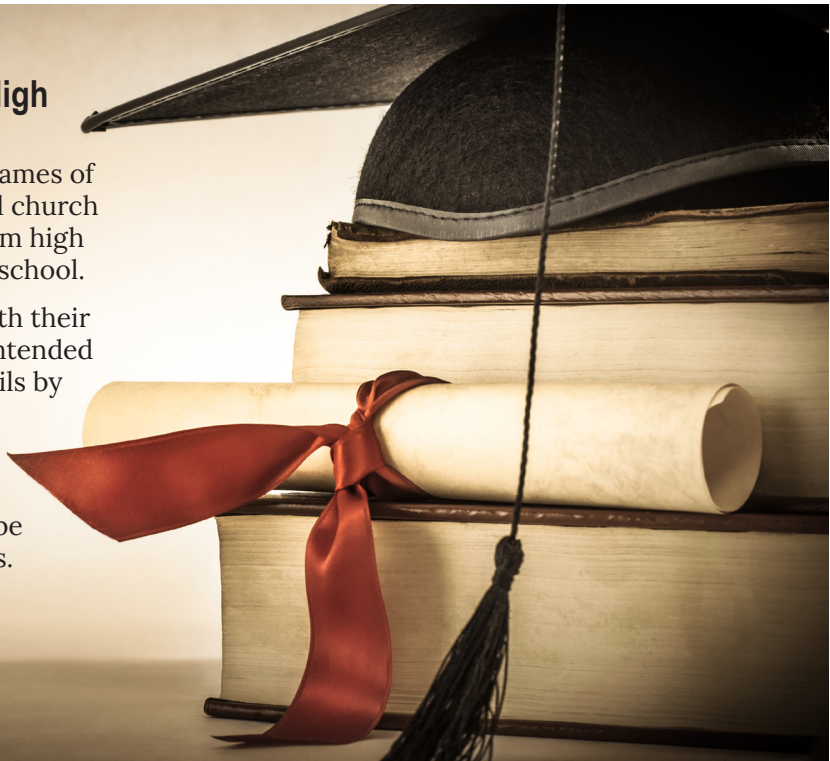
Musician: _____

Who's Graduating from High School or College?

We invite you to submit the names of those from the Gary/Winfield church family who are graduating from high school, college, or vocational school.

Contact the Church Office with their name, school of graduation, intended college/degree, or other details by Monday, May 13.

High School graduates will be recognized in worship on June 9, and all graduates will be listed in the June/July Chimes.



Trustee CORNER

New Trustee Page on Church Website

Have you seen something around the church building that concerns you? Are you wondering what projects the Trustees have completed and what they have planned? Do you want to help with some “work-day” projects? You can now go to the “Trustee Corner” page of garychurch.org for the maintenance request form and lists of completed and upcoming work. Take a look to see what the Trustees are doing and how you can help!

Answers to “Who Can Match These Musicians?!”

1. **Ellie Pentland**, Director, Broken Together
2. **Nancy Brunner**, Director, Good News Ringers
3. **Nick Graves**, Assistant Director, Friendship Singers
4. **Jill Stoffels**, Assistant Director, Youth Bell Ensembles
5. **Kristin Kalitowski-Kowal**, Director, Glory Ringers
6. **Mike Krueger**, Director, Men's Chorus
7. **Kevin Lange**, Principal Organist / Pianist
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10. **Sharon Schmidt**, Director, Altar Bells and Sanctuary Ringers
11. **Beth Graves**, Director of Friendship Singers/Staff Pianist



Together in Mission



Habitat for Humanity at Home and Around the World

There are many opportunities, near and far, to participate in Habitat for Humanity's global mission—Everyone deserves a decent place to live. We invite you to consider how you can serve in this impactful ministry. No construction experience is required.

Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette, IN

Gary mission trips to Lafayette:

Monday–Friday, May 13–17

Monday–Friday, September 23–27

DuPage HFH

Gary Work Day: Saturday, May 18

Habitat for Humanity Global Village Trip to Kavre, Nepal:

November 1–12

Gerry Schmidt invites others to join him.

For information on how to register for any of these opportunities to serve, contact Gerry Schmidt or the Church Office.

Happy Spring to the Church Family,

Thanks to all who helped, visited, or brought treats to ESSE in April. The participants enjoyed your contributions very much.

Gary Church will support ESSE again in August. Mark your calendars so you can join us.



ESSE, *Ecumenical Support Services for the Elderly*, is an adult day care for our senior citizens offering a full day of program activities, catered lunch, and snacks. Numerous churches in the area support the three sites: Warrenville, Wheaton, and Glen Ellyn. If you would like more information please contact me through the Church Office or call Cathy Davit, program director, at 630-260-3773. Thanks again,

~ Deb Connor

Gary Church ESSE representative

Support PADS

(Public Action to Deliver Shelter)

Mark your calendar for June 30–July 1 when Gary Church will support the PADS effort to provide meals and shelter to the homeless at First Congregational Church, Glen Ellyn. Look for signup information in May. DuPage PADS is requiring background checks on most volunteers, so please plan to sign up early this year.



DuPagePads

The Solution to End Homelessness.

Missions at a Glance

May 5: Fundaniños Guatemala Bake and Craft Sale

May 5: CROP Hunger Walk

May 5: Native American Ministries Sunday Special Envelope

May 9: Gary provides dinner for Radical Time Out

May 13–17: Habitat trip to Lafayette, IN

May 18: DuPage Habitat for Humanity workday

May 25–27: Poppy Sales at Cantigny Park to Benefit Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans

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.



A Ministry of Gary Methodist Church

The Burning Bush Art Gallery May Calendar

The Gallery is proud to present *Everywhere We Go*, an exhibit by Wheaton College photography students, on display through Sunday, May 12. Show hours: Sunday, May 12, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. or by appointment, 708-705-8669.

Acorn Coffeehouse presents Shawna Caspi

Saturday, May 11, 7:30 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m.

Shawna combines poetry and a remarkable lyrical fingerpicking guitar style to capture audiences with grace and intimacy. Cost: \$10.

The Gallery will present *Transitions*, an exhibit by Karen A. Johnson and Suzanne Wegener, beginning Friday, May 17. Johnson and Wegener are natural science illustrators with degrees in both science and art, helping them accurately portray the often overlooked part of the world around us. Using a variety of media, they capture details of nature's moments as seen through the eyes of an artist. Show hours: Sundays, May 19–June 9, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. or by appointment, 708-705-8669

Artists' Reception Friday, May 17, 6–9 p.m.



Wishing for Spring
By Karen A. Johnson



Apaganthus
By Suzanne Wegener

For information about other events including open mic nites, drum circles, meditation groups, please check out the Burning Bush Calendar. Copies are in the Gary Commons.

The Burning Bush Art Gallery is located at 216 N. Main Street, in the Wesley Center, the white house next to the church.

Families of all ages are invited!



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

"It's so easy to feel God's presence when we're at Family Camp...He is in the silence, in the water, in the trees, in the people, and in the fun!"

~ **Mary Megan Bagnall**

"I love Family Camp because it feels like we are all one big family when we are there."

~ **Emily Bagnall, 9 years old**

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

Thank You

Dear Friends at Gary Methodist:

My sincere thanks for the lovely handmade card signed by many friends. Your caring thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated during my recent illness.

Charlotte Murphy

Gary Members and Friends:

We would like to thank you for the donations of toiletries for the Ronald McDonald House hygiene kits. Because of your generosity we were able to assemble 100 kits for the families that come in without time to purchase or bring needed items from home. These kits will provide them the necessities for their stay.

Susanna Wesley Circle



Congratulations

Catherine Baker Austin & Mohamedou Ould Salahi on the birth of their son, Ahmed Ould Salahi, on April 11. Grandparents are Bill & Vickie Austin.

Baptism

Landon Daniel Younkin, son of Nic & Michelle Younkin, on March 31.

Our Sympathy

Reg & Barbara Heeley, Joe & Jennifer Ruth on the death of their relative, Shirley Boyts, on March 24.

Adam, Carey, Maggie, & Ben Bebar and Rev. Steve Williams & Rev. Jamie Hanna Williams on the death of Jamie's sister-in-law and Carey's aunt, Ann Hanna, on March 29.

The Andrzejewski Family on the death of Bob's mother, Mildred Andrzejewski, on April 8.

The Hubner Family on the death of Laura's mother, Christine Price, on April 15. Visitation will be held on May 11 in Gary's Sanctuary from 9 a.m. until the time of the service at 10 a.m.

Dave, Liesl, Alyn, & Chase Mann and Warren Pettis on the death of Liesl's mother and Warren's wife, Karleen Pettis, on April 19.

Larry, Heather, Rachel, Matt, Danny, & Tony Janiak on the death of their nephew and cousin, Alex Janiak, on April 21.

Doug & Tammy Halenza on the death of Tammy's mother, Lucy Alma Irions, on April 23.

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

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Winfield Community United Methodist Church
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Sunday Mornings

Adult Christian Education, 9:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.



Project Night Night at Winfield Church

Winfield UMC youth are collecting monetary donations again this year to make packages for homeless children under the age of 12. Each package must contain specific items (a book, a stuffed animal, and a security blanket) which will be purchased with the donations received.

Project Night Night donates over 25,000 Night Night Packages each year to homeless children who need childhood essentials to create security and increase exposure to high-quality literacy materials during their time of upheaval. By providing objects of reliable comfort, Project Night Night reduces trauma and advances the emotional and cognitive well-being of the children they serve.

Every child who receives one of these packages leaves the shelter owning a book which encourages reading and family bonding, a security blanket which can be cuddled, and a stuffed animal which can become a cherished friend. Last year, Winfield UMC youth donated 37 packages to PADS and Family Shelter Service. This year, their goal is to exceed that number.

Donations can be made to Winfield UMC. If your donation is by check, put "Project Night Night" in the memo line.

**Praise
WORSHIP**

**Make a Joyful Noise
unto the Lord**

**Second
Saturday
each month
5 p.m.**

at Winfield Church



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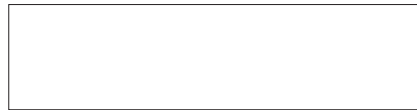
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Thank you for helping Gary Kids grow in faith.

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